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NAZI PLAN TO SEIZE STRATEGIC ISLAND IS FOILED BY RUSSIANS

(“Reuter's” Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

MOSCOW, SEPT. 15 (REUTER).—GERMAN PLANS TO USE A CERTAIN SMALL ISLAND AND ONE BANK OF THE RIVER “V” IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF LENINGRAD AS A JUMPING-OFF GROUND FOR FURTHER ADVANCE TO THE CITY HAVE BEEN FOILED AFTER A BITTER STRUGGLE.

PREPARING FOR THEIR TASK UNDER COVER OF ARTILLERY FIRE, THE RUSSIANS LAUNCHED THEIR ATTACK AT DAWN. AIDED BY BOATS AND PONTOONS THEY CROSSED THE RIVER AND STORMED THE ISLAND WITH BAYONETS AND HAND-GRENADES.

EXTRAVAGANT NAZI WAR CLAIMS

Unconvincing Communiques
(War Commentary by “Annalist”)

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The German communiqué indulges in some extravagant claims regarding prisoners captured, divisions destroyed and war material put out of action south of Lake Ilmen. The most significant feature of the German claim is the fact that the successes, according to the German High Command, have taken place over a period of the last few weeks.

U. S. NAVY ESCORTING CARGOES

Lend-Lease Supplies Protected

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Since “zero hour” (one minute past midnight) the United States Atlantic Fleet, stripped for action, has been taking under its armed protection all Lend-Lease cargoes between the United States and Iceland.

The widely accepted view in authoritative quarters here is that this means actual convoying.

The statement of the Navy Minister (Colonel Frank Knox) was broader than the “shoot at sight” policy set forth by President Roosevelt was the expressed opinion of naval strategists who declared that adequate protection of merchantmen meant convoys as the only certain way of ensuring the protection of all ships at the crucial moment of attack.

For its task of watching over the priceless cargoes of aid to Britain, the Atlantic Fleet is believed to have substantially more than 125 vessels. These include three old battleships assigned to it when it was created a year ago, while the Fleet has been steadily growing by the addition of newly-built vessels and probably by transfers from the Pacific Fleet.

Greatest Navy in World

Meanwhile the Navy Department has announced that every naval vessel authorised by law has been contracted for “in the creation of the greatest array of fighting ships under one flag the world has ever seen.”

It is disclosed that two of the six new 35,000-ton dreadnoughts—North Carolina and Washington—have been added to the battle line this month, giving the United States 17 battleships in actual service.

The Navy Department also stated that a survey of the vessels in the course of construction and contracted for revealed “astounding progress” in the accelerated building of a two-ocean navy.

A total of 2,831 combat and auxiliary ships has been ordered since January 1, 1940, at the cost of \$7,234,202,178.

Amateur Strategists

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Replying to a query whether convoying was one of the means of protecting the flow of Lend-Lease supplies, President Roosevelt said that amateur strategists should assume that there was only one means.

His Excellency Sir Mark Young, K.C.M.G., has shown his interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign being waged in Hongkong by honouring the Association with his patronage.

A girl member of the Leningrad Volunteers was among the first-line storming party. She was armed with a rifle and hand-grenades.

The Germans put up stiff resistance but in the end were forced off the island, and now the Russians hold both river banks as well.

The Germans lost hundreds of dead in this battle and much material, and they are now venting their anger by fruitlessly shelling the islands concerned.

Germans Beaten Off
BY “REUTER'S” RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT

MOSCOW, Sept. 16.—The fact that Soviet bases continue to control the entrance to the Gulf of Finland is by far the most interesting revelation of the overnight Soviet communiqué. A German attempt to land troops on the island of Sarnia or Ezel off the Estonian coast was beaten off not only by the Soviet Fleet but also by aircraft and shore batteries.

It has always been known that Soviet forces have continued to hold Hangoe off the Finnish coast and from time to time there have been descriptions of the Soviet press of fights by which more and more small islands studding the entrance to and in the waters of the Finnish Gulf were seized and occupied by Soviet troops.

An attempted German landing on Sarnia Island can be regarded as linking up with their general plan for operations against Leningrad. Without at least partial control of the entrance of the Gulf of Finland, it will be most difficult for the Germans to attempt the use of seapower on any scale as a further arm against the defenders of Leningrad.

Red Navy Co-Operation

At present the Russians are able to use men of the Baltic Fleet for many local tasks in the defence of Leningrad. But the men will have to be withdrawn from these tasks if major naval operations had to be undertaken against the Germans which would be the case if the latter forced an entry in strength into the Gulf of Finland.

It is evident from the number of vessels involved that it was a serious attempt which was made to seize the Soviet base of Sarnia and it is considered to be of considerable importance that the German attack had been beaten off with such firmness.

Artillery Barrage

MOSCOW, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The Russian artillery played a valuable part in the river battle reported earlier. Apart from the use of boats TURN to Back Page, Column 4

CAIRO AIR RAID

CAIRO, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Thirty-nine people were killed and 33 were injured when the Cairo area was raided early this morning, it was officially reported.

Sofia Answers Soviet Bad Faith Accusations

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian Government has categorically denied adopting a “disloyal attitude” towards Russia, according to a Sofia despatch to the German official news agency. The Bulgarian Government “know nothing” of any provocative action on Bulgarian soil.

These statements are contained in the Bulgarian Government's reply to the recent protest by the Russian Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, M. Molotov, regarding anti-Russian activities in Bulgaria.

The reply was made through the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow yesterday. Categorically declaring that all Soviet assertions that Bulgaria has adopted a disloyal attitude towards Russia are untrue, the note says the Bulgarian Government are specially surprised by the assertion that Bulgaria has become a base for Italian-German hostilities against Russia, ascribing these assertions to radio propaganda and adding: “Bulgaria has merely taken a course corresponding to her interests. The Government know nothing of any provocative action against the Soviet Union on Bulgarian soil.”

Counter-Allegations
The note maintains that Russian bombs have been dropped on Bulgarian soil and also that one parachutist whose identity has been established has landed.

New Ships Ordered For U.S. Navy

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Doubt Cast On Succession Of Abdicated Shah's Son

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The dramatic announcement of the abdication of Shah Pahlevi is likely to be followed by further developments in Teheran in the next few days, “Reuter's” Diplomatic Correspondent learns.

H.M.S. Hood Casualties Included 94 Officers

Special to the “Telegraph”

LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—The Admiralty today announced that there were 1,418 casualties when H.M.S. Hood was sunk in her battle with the Bismarck—the crack Nazi battleship which was later destroyed by British naval and air forces. The Hood's casualties are “all missing, presumed killed.”

Below will be found the names of the officers who perished.

Vice Admiral L. E. Holland, Captain R. Kerr, (in Command), Temporary Midshipman N. N. Adams, Lieut-Commander C. D. Awdry, Signal Boatman, A. E. T. Bartley, Lieut-Commander A. R. T. Bartley, Midshipman T. N. K. Beard, Paymaster Lieut R. H. P. Browne, Lieut-Commander J. G. P. Browning, Midshipman D. M. Bryant, Midshipman P. J. Buckell, Temporary Acting Warrant Officer, H. Burgess, Probationary Sub-Lieutenant J. H. Cambridge, Captain T. B. Cartwright, Royal Marines, Commissioned Gunner, J. A. Chapman, Midshipman, J. P. Collins, Commissioned Gunner, J. S. Cope, Commander W. K. R. Cross, Lieutenant R. H. Dale, Senior Master R.N., R. T. Davies, Lieutenant H. D. Davies, Paymaster, Lieutenant Commander G. V. Carl, Lieutenant Commander C. H. Den, Acting Sub-Lieutenant J. R. Down, Midshipman G. R. Eagles, Lieutenant-Commander J. G. M. Erskine, Surgeon Lieutenant J. C. Fielding, Temporary Midshipman V. C. Froome, Temporary Midshipman M. H. P. Freeman, Temporary Sub-Lieutenant L. E. Friend, Acting Sub-Lieutenant N. H. Frodsham, Temporary Paymaster Lieutenant J. R. Graves, Acting Commander E. H. Gregory, Commander R. T. Grogan, Lieut-Commander J. W. Hall, Lieutenant D. S. H. Harris, Acting Warrant Officer, C. Haughton, Captain S. J. Herbert, Temporary Midshipman R. A. Hips, Temporary Paymaster Lieutenant N. H. Hoare, Temporary Paymaster Commander J. M. Hogarth, Acting Lieutenant M. S. Humphrey, Surgeon, Commander H. Heart, Temporary Electrical

Pictures of the King and Queen and other Royal dignitaries were prominently featured in the London evening papers.

King Peter, in naval uniform sat with his mother, Queen Marie, and his two younger brothers, Princes Tomislav and Andrej, the latter in school uniforms of grey flannels.

Royal Audience

Queen Elizabeth wore an egg-shell blue dress and King George was in an Admiral's uniform. Next to the King and Queen, Mr. Winston Churchill and members of the British Cabinet attended a special service celebrating the Royal coming of age at 18 of King Peter II of Yugoslavia.

The President of the Polish Republic, President of Czechoslovakia and Madame Benes and Prince Berni hard sat in the same row.

High Commissioners of the Dominions, Foreign Ambassadors and heads of the Allied forces were also present.

Japan's New Attitude Towards United States

Special to the “Telegraph”
NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (UP).—The Scripps-Howard columnist, Mr. William Phillips Simms today asserted that behind Japan's more conciliatory attitude towards the United States



Russian Air Force Chief

Photo shows Lt-General Pavel Rychagov, head of the Soviet Air Force, which is regarded as one of the biggest in the world, and, as a result of its fine showing against the Nazis, one of the most efficient.

was the recent report to Prince Konoye from his advisers, stating that Japan, at present, cannot hope to win a war against the United States.

He asserted that Prince Konoye was advised that only if Britain and Russia collapsed, leaving the United States “holding the bag” in Europe and on the Atlantic, would Japan be comparatively safe in challenging the then necessarily vastly curtailed Pacific fleet.

Mr. Simms declared that Prince Konoye took stock of the Japanese position as a result of the increasing pressure from Berlin for military aid. “Japan's captains of industry are said to have informed the Premier that despite the remarkable progress of the nation, it was still in no position to wage a colossal war with a Power such as the United States,” he stated.

“While she might do well to begin with—might even win victories—who could not replace ships, tanks, planes, guns, etc., once they were destroyed.”

More Difficulties Arise

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The announcement of a “Japanese-American agreement” as a result of recent discussions in Washington has been delayed owing to difficulties which have arisen during the past week, says the Tokyo correspondent of the Vichy news agency.

The correspondent adds: “This has caused the Government to defer TURN to Back Page, Column 4

LATEST

NO MINES SEEN IN HARBOUR

No mines which were reported yesterday to have been seen adrift, have been seen in the inner harbour and no confirmation of the original rumour that some were adrift has in fact been made.

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President Going Too Far Says Mr Hoover

CHICAGO, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The view that Hitler will collapse as the result of his own over-reaching and that the United States should become the bulwark of freedom at home was expressed by Mr. Herbert Hoover in a radio address to the American nation.

“The President's policy of edging our warships into danger zones and sending American merchant ships with contraband are steps to war not approved by Congress and not in accord with the spirit of a representative government,” he added.

Contending that neither isolation nor intervention was wise or possible for America, Mr. Hoover asserted that the United States should follow a constructive policy of building an impenetrable defence and a bulwark of freedom at home and reserve its strength to help in reconstruction and stabilising peace “when Hitler collapses as the result of his own over-reaching.”

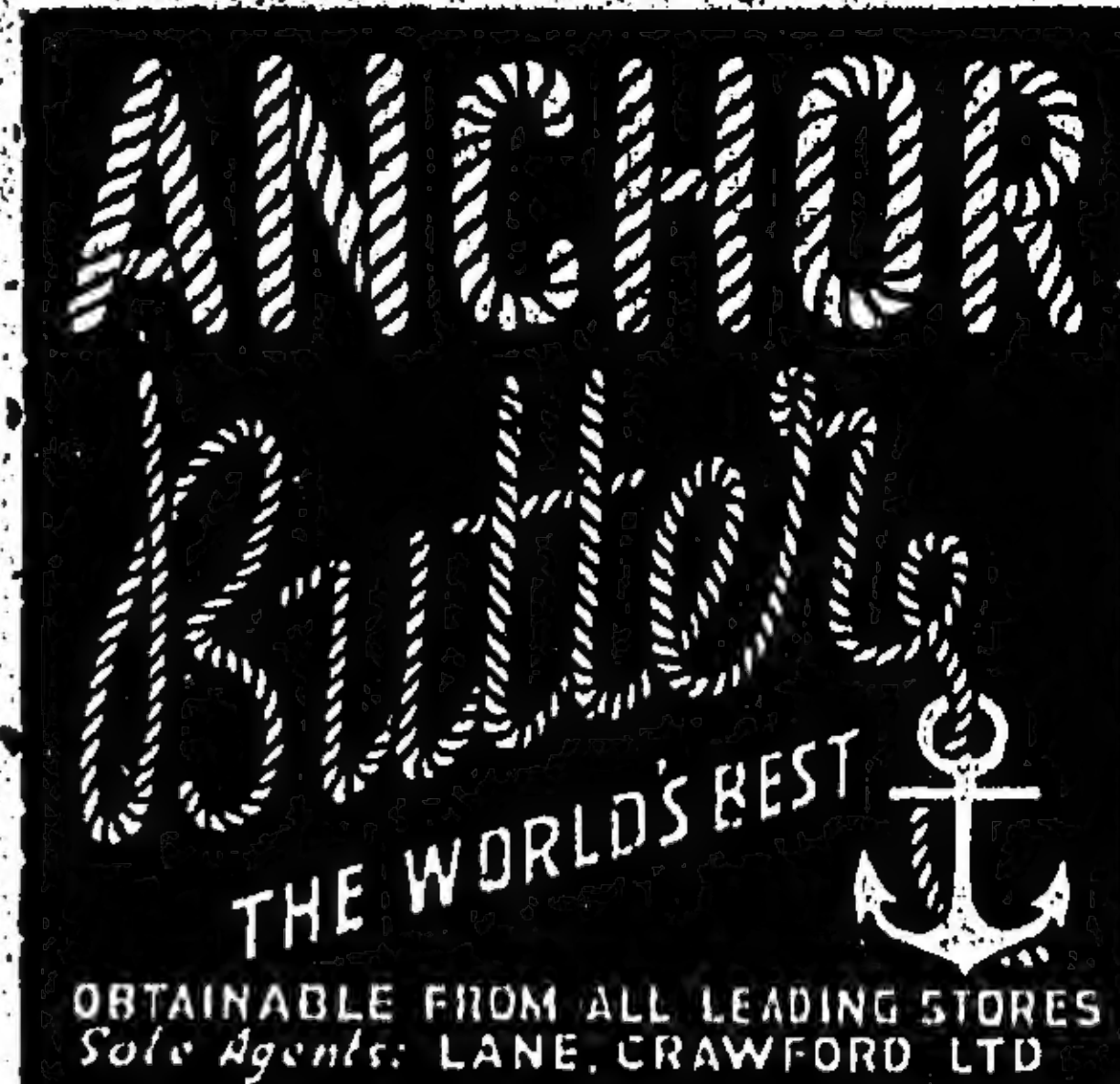
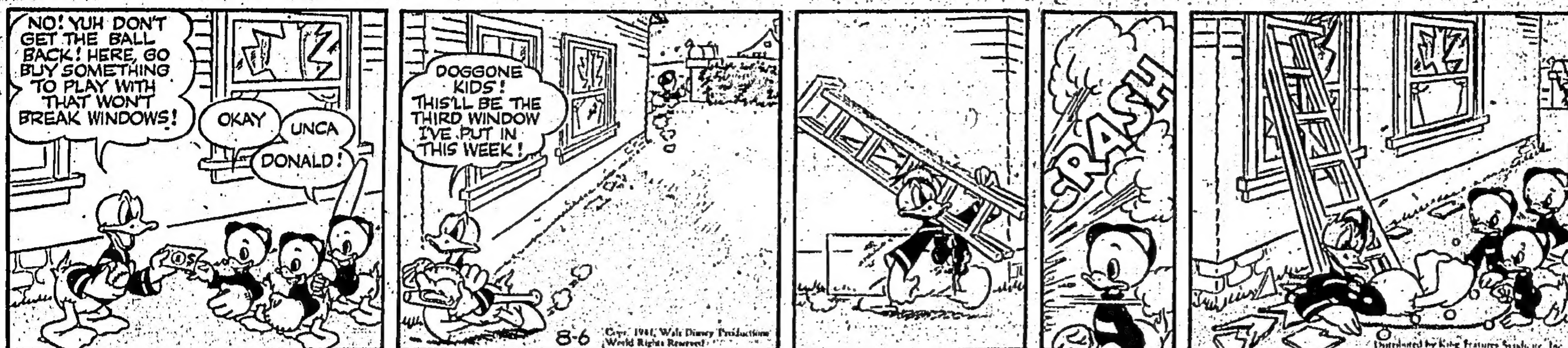
Threat To Hitler
England, he declared, could prevent invasion “if we give her tools and even warships without sending our boys to death either in ship or on

land. Hitler is on the way to be crushed by victorious forces within his own regime.”

Mr. Hoover said that the way to spread the ideals of the “western world” was by example of “our own country as it had been proved by bitter experience that it is futile for us to impose freedom and justice upon the world by war.”

Forced Into War
NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—“Events of the last few days strongly indicate” that war may be forced on the United States, announced Mr. Ralph Bard, American Assistant Secretary to the Navy, addressing signs of the Training Ship “Prairie State.”

DONALD DUCK



CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play
AND
How to Win

—By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON—

Difficult Decision

The question of whether to double non-vulnerable opponents or to go out for a vulnerable game of one's own is perhaps the most tantalizing problem that duplicate players have to face. Consider the following typical case:

Match-point duplicate.
East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

♠ K J 6 3
 ♥ J 10 8 5
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ 10 9 7
 ♠ 8 6
 ♥ 10 4 2
 ♦ K Q 6 3
 ♣ K Q 6 3

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ 3
 ♣ J 7
 ♠ A 10 9
 ♥ A Q 8 3
 ♦ J 8 6 4
 ♣ A 2

The bidding:
East South West North
1♥ 2♦ 3♥ 4♥

Under the vulnerability conditions, West has a very difficult decision to make when South overcalls with two diamonds. The trouble is that West must decide, then and there, whether there is a game in the hand for himself and partner. Because if there isn't, he must not lose the opportunity to double two diamonds! With an original bid by East, and a two diamond overcall by South West cannot expect any further bidding from the opponents, his own strength making such a contingency improbable. West can certainly expect to defeat a two diamond contract two tricks (300 points) and if his side can make no game, that 300 points will be greatly superior to any part-score that can be attained. If East-West were not vulnerable, the justifiable hope of defeating the opponents 500 points would make a double highly

attractive because, even if a game were in the hand for East-West, it would not count that much. The vulnerability of East-West, however, makes the decision a split-hair one. West must be haunted by the fear that in doubling and accepting a penalty of 300 to 500 points he is abandoning a possible 800 odd points. Yet, for good and sound reasons, the double is the best choice. Surely West cannot pass. If he bids, he must choose between two hearts and two notrump, and neither is quite satisfactory. Two hearts, the strongest free raise West dare give, may not be strong enough to encourage East to bid again; two notrump may go wrong because of the lack of a spade stopper.

There is one other important factor: If West doubles, he does not conclusively abandon all chance for game, because East may choose to take out the double. But contrariwise, if West bids, he abandons all chance for a double. In the final analysis, it is this consideration that should induce West to double, rather than bid.

Tomorrow's Hand

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ A Q 7 6
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ J 10 8 7 2
 ♠ J 9 3 2
 ♥ 7 6 4 2
 ♦ A K 5 4
 ♣ A 9
 ♠ K 10 8 4
 ♥ 9 8
 ♦ 10
 ♣ A K Q 6 4 3

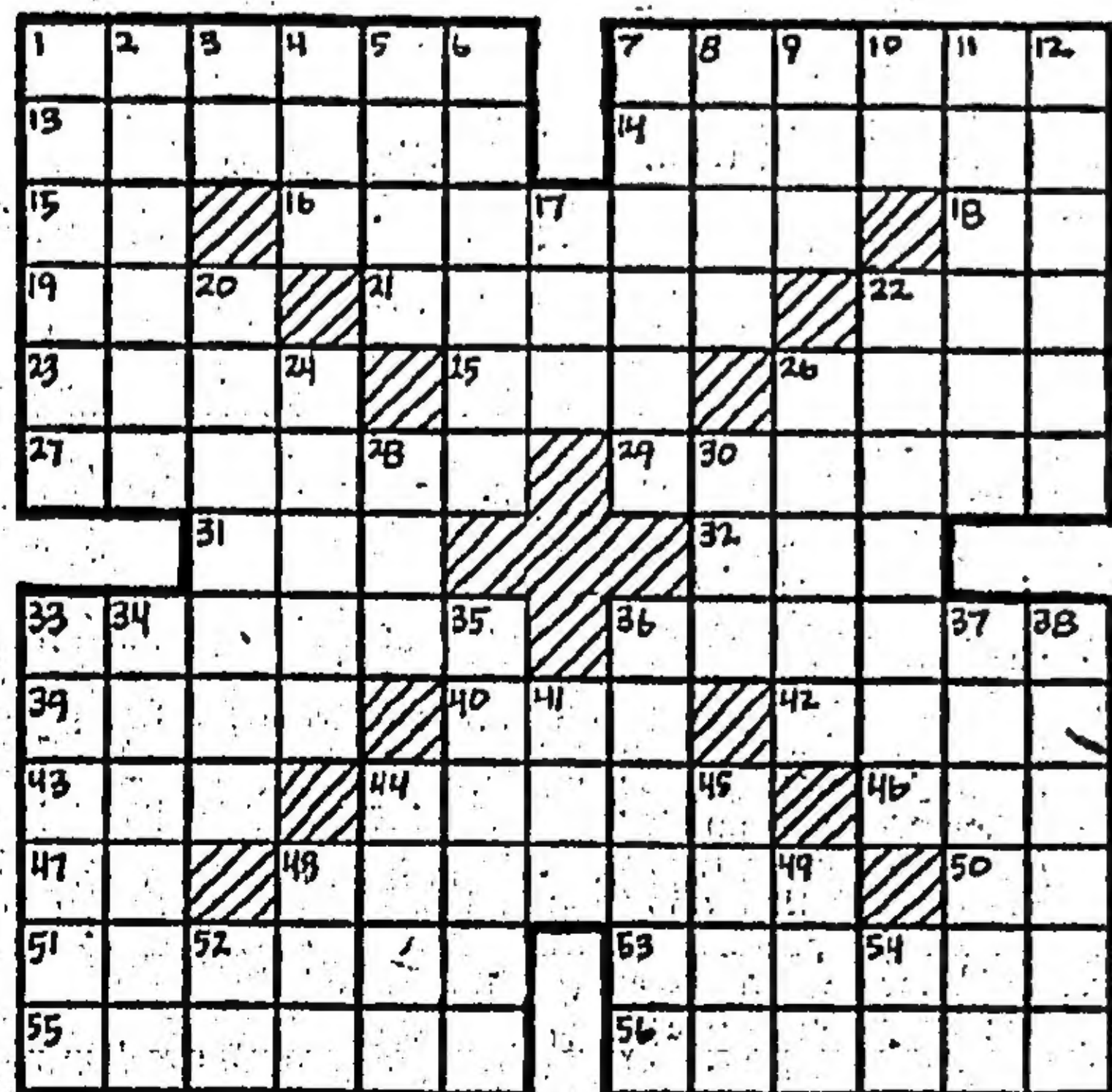
How should South play his five club contract? Opening lead, diamond king.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Apples
7—Done without
13—Puzzle
14—Show display
15—Concurrence
16—Rise of ground
18—Not out
19—Sprite
21—Rise of seats
22—Belonging to it
23—Falsities
24—Maiden name
25—English scientist
27—American
28—Hard substance
29—Fruit, bark
30—Ancient Greek city
32—Go by again
(4—Inches)
33—Survive
(4—Inches)
34—Dark mountain-tops
35—Spice of corn
(7—Symbol for rare non-malleable element resembling metal)
38—Breakfast food

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
30—Last letter
31—Incapable
32—Before this
33—Succession
34—Morning prayers



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Pictures of tanks and aeroplanes, the scattered ruins of bombed and blasted cities, the never-ending crawling masses of homeless refugees, all these are used as a commentary on the sacred text for the modern world.

There are pictures of well-known London buildings, of peaceful streets and friends meeting, of the microphone and moving camera, and of children playing with their fishing nets.

Captions ally the picture with the text.

They give new meaning to long-known phrases.

John Stirling, a chaplain in the last war, started on his work of editing "The Bible For Today" three years ago.

In a straightforward way, the Bible is presented as news-revelation, news of God's interest in and work for the common people.

It teaches not a new interpretation but rather a new application of God's word to present-day needs. The pictures (of which there are about 200), by Rowland Hilder and other artists give a new background which is neither Oriental nor ancient, the common, ordinary background of human existence in every age, everywhere.

Raw Materials—Their Principal Uses

The widely known essential raw materials are these:

Iron, aluminium, copper, lead, tin, gold, silver, coal, oil, rubber, wheat and other grains, sugar, timber, cotton and other textile fibres, and electrical power resources.

No one familiar with modern civilisation need be told why these materials are necessities for any nation. The use of most of them is an everyday occurrence.

However, a supplementary list can be compiled of what might be called less essential raw materials. Included are: Manganese, nickel, mercury, zinc, chromium, antimony, cadmium, cobalt, iridium, molybdenum, palladium, strontium, thorium, titanium, tungsten or wolfram, vanadium, sulphur, and artificial silk or rayon.

Now, a simple, agrarian, underdeveloped country might never need to complicate its economy with many of the articles on this less essential list. But, a highly industrialised modern nation, such as any of the world's great powers, would consider all the materials in both lists as "must-haves." If the economy of one such nation is to compete with that of others, the items not already possessed must be attained—by purchase, or exchange, or perhaps even by annexation or outright conquest.

Here is a short analysis of the uses of the less well known materials:

Manganese—When combined with steel as an alloy, manganese makes it extra tough and hard. Also makes steel free from air holes. An excellent alloy for burglar-proof safes.

Nickel—A white, hard metal not tarnished even in moist air, nickel lends itself readily to the process of electroplating. Chief source: Province of Ontario, Canada.

Mercury—This is the only metal that is a liquid at ordinary temperatures. Familiar in thermometers and barometers. Spain, Italy, and the United States produce 95 per cent of the world's supply.

Zinc—Forms brass when combined with copper. Used to galvanize steel or iron to prevent rust.

Chromium—As a coating for other metals, chromium

adheres better than nickel. It does not tarnish. As an alloy with nickel, it resists electricity and is widely used for electrical heating and cooking.

Cadmium—With bismuth, lead, and tin, cadmium forms Wood's metal which melts at moderately low temperatures. Thus, it is used as plugs in fire-prevention sprinkler systems.

Cobalt—Until recently, cobalt was noted for its uselessness. Now as an alloy it is useful in high-speed tools.

Iridium—One of the ingredients of electric light bulb filaments.

Molybdenum—Works wonders with steel. Used by Germans for lining their larger guns. Also good for rifle-barrels, propeller-shafts, wherever great strength is needed.

Palladium—Protects the surface of floodlight lenses against tarnishing.

Strontium—Comes from a village in Scotland called

Strontian. Makes a bright red fire for signal rockets and fireworks.

Thorium—Also used for electric light bulb filaments. **Titanium**—Helps harden steel. Also is an ingredient of artificial fogs and smoke-screens.

Tungsten—Similar to molybdenum. Also used as a filament metal. Compounds useful for fireproof fabrics.

Vanadium—Gives steel elasticity combined with great tensile strength. Good for precision machines and moving parts.

Sulphur—Forms thousands of compounds, most of which are foul-smelling. Most important as ingredient of sulphuric acid, one of the most-used commercial reagents.

Rayon—Valuable as a replacement or substitute for silk and silk products.

Antimony—Alloys used in newspaper and printing offices for type metal. Also used as a compound in the vulcanisation of rubber.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.05 The Orchestra Mascotte and Yvonne Frintemps (Soprano).

1.30 Router and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Half An Hour With Irving Berlin.

2.15 Close Down.

8.00 Indian Programme.

8.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.47 A Programme of Light Popular Classics.

"Henry VIII" Dances—Shepherd's Dance, Morris Dance, Torch Dance (German); Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin); Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty" (Tchaikovsky); Liebestraum, No. 3 (Liszt); Nocturne in E Flat Major (Es Dur) Op. 9 No. 2 (Chopin); Rustle of Spring (Sinding).

7.17 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado."

7.45 Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

Finger Prints (Engelman); Medley—Intro: My Blue Heaven; Sweet Sue; The Japanese Sandman; My Favourite—Intro: Blue Room; Smoke Gets in Your Eyes; These Foolish Things; Just One More Chance; There's A Small Hotel; Thanks For The Memory.

8.00 London—The News.

8.15 London—War Commentary.

8.25 London—Relay—"Listening Post."

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.35 Norman Long (Entertainer) in Variety.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 A Schumann Programme.

Phantasie, Op. 73 (For Piano and Clarinet); The Two Grenadiers; Abendlied; Concerto in A Minor Op. 54.

9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).

9.45 English Ballads.

Watchman, What Of The Night (Sergeant); Peter Dawson (Singing a duet with himself); Ballad Of Yesterday—(Torre del Rio); Intro: O Dry Those Tears; Happy Song; Thank God For A Garden; Homing ... The Hon. W. Brownlow (Bar.) with Orchestra; In An Old Fashioned Town (Squire); Titterton (Tenor) with Piano.

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.00 London—"Britain To-day"—Discussion.

11.15 Close Down.

Teetotaler Slips At Eighty

VISALIA, Cal. (UP).—Theo Laurel, 80-year-old inmate of an old people's home, told a police judge here he had been in a driver's seat on the temperance wagon for years and years until a friend told him a pint of rum would cure a cold. "It's too late to begin sinning, says that way now," the judge said, "and as you've never drunk before, and never were arrested, I'll suspend a three-day jail sentence."

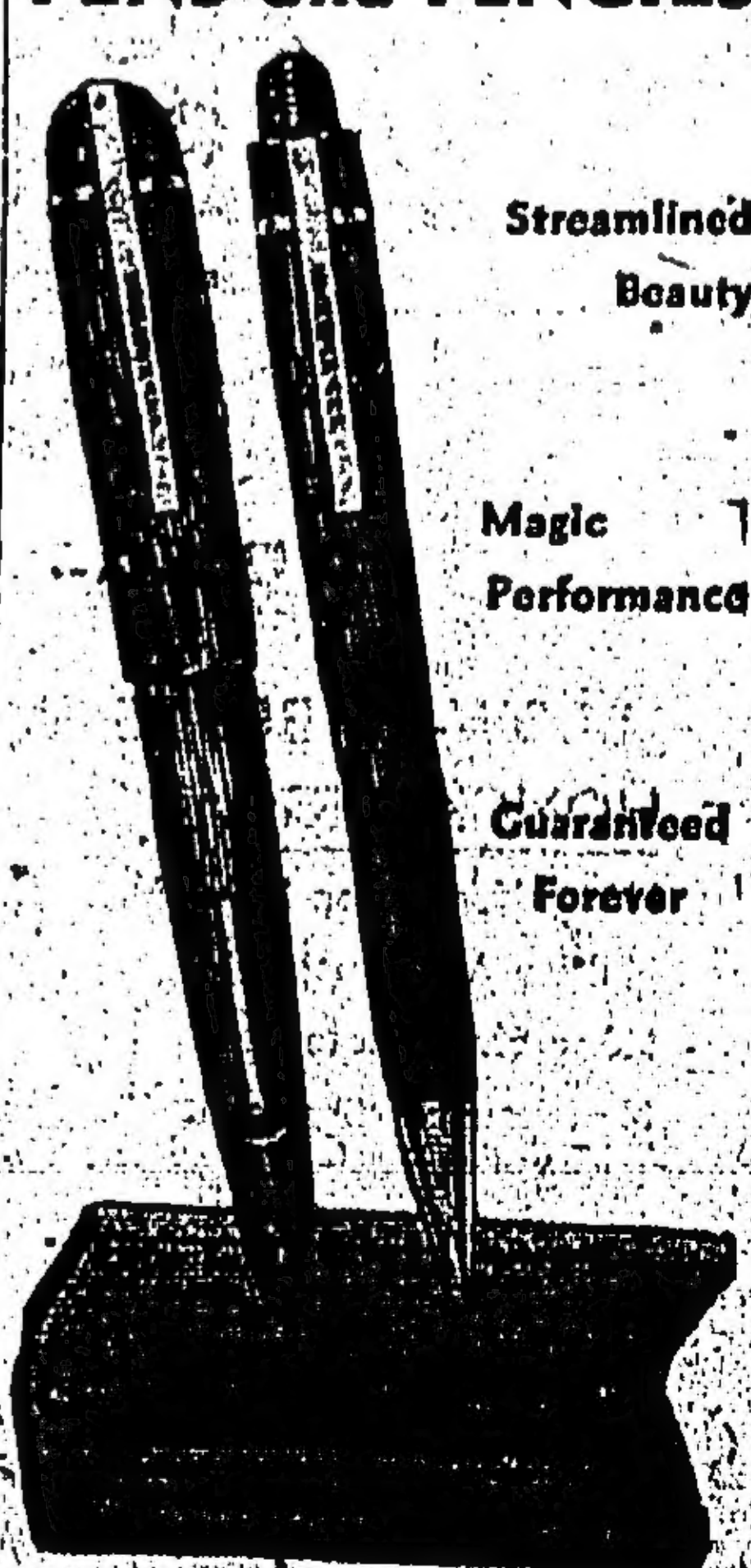


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tioning in Russia is good news. This
latest contribution to the Soviet
Union's war effort is perhaps the best
answer to those doubters who were
recently accused by Mr Churchill of
speaking "as though nothing were
being done" to supplement his
promise that Britain would assist
Russia as far as it lay in her power.
This aid would be given, though
it would mean a "definite" re-
duction in military supplies from
America on which we had counted,"
he declared.

The arrival in Russia of a wing of
the Royal Air Force, significant as it
may be, by no means constitutes the
first or only step taken to assist
Britain's new Ally. Immediately
after the outbreak of hostilities a
military mission was sent to Moscow
and has been there ever since.
Figures, for obvious reasons, are
withheld, but it is a known fact that
large stocks of war materials have
already reached Russia. A combined
British and American economic
mission is also ready to go to the
U.S.S.R. in order to study the needs
and problems from the point of view
of raw materials. In the meantime
wool, rubber, furs, etc., are even now
arriving at Soviet ports, including a
not insignificant cargo of 8,000 tons
of tin.

The problem of maintaining a
continuous flow of supplies into the
Soviet Union centres very largely
upon the question of shipping. The
shortage of shipping space has been
acute for some months past and will
not be eased by the new demands
now being made. The lack of good
entry ports is another problem which
has to be overcome. Archangel in
the White Sea, carries unpleasant
memories of winter ice, and the
difficulties of transport from there to
the actual battle front during the
winter months, would be great in-
deed. The Vladivostok route means
that over 7,000 miles of railway must
be negotiated before the needed sup-
plies could be disposed of. There is
also the danger of this port becoming
choke by an accumulation of
material impossible to handle with
the inadequate transport facilities
offered by the Trans-Siberian rail-
way. The Persian Gulf route, now
available, appears to give the
greatest promise of utility. Report
has it that several points for disem-
barkation are available. It is
sufficiently known to Malaya and
India to give promise of good results
and it is also here, as Mr Churchill
pointed out, "that American supplies
can be carried into the centre of
Russia in an ever-widening flow".
It is true that some 500 miles from
the Gulf across Iran to the Caspian
Sea have to be traversed before the
material actually reaches Russian
soil, but once on the Volga a steady
stream to every part of the front can
be maintained. This stream has
already started flowing and with
British and American recognition
that the Soviet needs must, at all
costs be supplied, there is no fear
that any difficulties will be allowed
to hamper its course.

U.S. Has Right to Convoy Ships

By LORD STRABOLGI

WHEN the Lease-
Lend Bill was under
debate, an amendment was
defeated which would have
had the effect of preventing
American warships convoy-
ing American merchant
ships. The State Depart-
ment was on strong ground
here, as the right of a neu-
tral state during war to
convoy its own merchant
ships under guard of its
own warships is well recog-
nised in international law.

The modern idea that all
international law is abro-
gated in wartime is errone-
ous and this is particularly
true in regard to oceans.
The high seas are the high-
ways of all nations and neu-
trals have every right to use
them.

Returning to the right to
convoy: The controversy
has existed in regard to it
for nearly 300 years. While
recognising the right, suc-
cessive British governments
have claimed the privilege
of making certain that con-
voyed neutral merchant
ships did not carry contra-
band or members of armed
forces of their opponents.

In 1918, during the World
War, the Dutch Govern-
ment proposed to convoy
Dutch merchant ships to the
East Indies. The British
Government admitted the
right to convoy but claimed
the right to search, in order
to make sure that these
merchant vessels were not
engaged in enemy trade.

The Continental doctrine,
which has been stoutly main-
tained by Germany, is that the
captain of the convoying war-
ship makes himself responsible
that merchant ships in his
charge are not carrying goods
or persons rendering them liable
to seizure, and no right to in-
spect merchant ships can be
claimed. The American Govern-
ment, therefore, would be with-
in its full rights in convoying its
own merchant ships. This is
beyond dispute.

This recognised principle also
applies to the Vichy govern-
ment, if Admiral Darlan's pro-
posal to escort French merchant
ships is put into practice. The
British Government would only
be following its own precedents
in claiming the right to visit
and search French cargo ships
so convoyed. There exists am-
ple precedents for neutral con-
voys and belligerent rights.

In 1653, England and Holland
were at war. Queen Christina
of Sweden ordered her warships
to convoy merchant vessels un-
der the Swedish flag and de-
clared they were not to be
searched. This declaration was
not accepted by the English.
The 1654 Peace of Westminster
put an end to the controversy.

The Dutch in their turn
claimed the right to convoy
their merchant ships, and after
much controversy agreed that
papers should be carried aboard
the convoying man-of-war and
exhibited to any English cruiser
intercepting the convoy. If the
papers showed that contraband
was included in the cargoes, the
vessels concerned might be
seized.

The same principle exists in
thirteen treaties concluded be-
tween the United States and
various other powers, including
the American treaty with Italy
of 1870. That is to say, the
Italians agreed that when the
United States is neutral in a war
wherein Italy is a belligerent,
Italian cruisers will accept as-
surances of the captain of a
convoying American warship
that his charges are not carry-
ing contraband.

Naval regulations were of-
ficially issued before the present
war by Germany and Italy that
commanders of German and
Italian cruisers be directed to
accept assurance of neutral con-

voying officers as to the inno-
cence of neutral ships in their
charge.

What the German warships
will not have the right to do and
what they never had the right
to do, is to attack merchant
ships of any nationality,
whether under convoy or sailing
independently, without the re-
cognised formalities of visit and
search.

The right of American or any
other neutral government to
convoy its own merchant ships
is undoubted and any departure
from the recognised procedure
by German or Italian warships
towards such convoy would be
an act of hostility. Even if
American merchant ships were
laden with weapons of war or
aeroplanes, formalities of visit
and search would have to be ob-
served.

BENITO'S NEW JOB?

By Billiken



According to press reports, Axis winter plans are believed
to include the supply of cold-weather clothing for their
forces in Russia.

NAZI CONQUEST OF ROME

This article, describing conditions in Rome
with the Nazis in full control, is by the "New
Yorker's" correspondent in the Italian capital,
whose identity must be concealed under the
initials "J.S."

THE Germans, as you
have perhaps already
suspected, are getting into
the Italians' hair. There
are Nazis to right and
Nazis to left—from 15,000
to 25,000 of them in Rome
alone, counting both the
smartly-dressed military
and the civilians in their
ersatz mufti.

Uniformed Nazis, "heil-
ing" one another from table
to table, crowd such popu-
lar restaurants and cafes as
Alfredo's, the Fagiano, Ber-
ardo's and Rosati's on the
Via Veneto. Italians still
frequent these places, but
they do not like their guests.
For one thing, the Germans
are using their "tourist
marks," which are worth
what Hitler says they are,
to buy up the little that the
stores have left to offer; for
another, next to being con-
sidered by the British, the
Italians' greatest fear is
that this is the beginning of
a thoroughgoing occupation
of their country by Berlin.
Judging from the rumours
one hears, there are a quar-
ter of a million German
troops, more or less, in Italy
to-day.

Not Yet Bombed

WHATEVER their num-
bers, the Nazis are
running everything here right
now. Their first job upon tak-
ing over was to teach the Italian
Anti-Aircraft Corps how to
shoot. The Fascist gunners had
been having a terrible time of
it. They did not know how to
set the fuses of their shells or
otherwise get along with their
equipment, and they were being
killed at an alarming rate by
the bullets going the other way.
The German infantry, on the
other hand, have done a good deal
to cut down these casualties, at
least in practice drills. Whether
or not their lessons will be re-
membered under the trying con-
ditions of a real air raid re-
mains to be seen. Rome has
yet to be bombed.

The Italians dread an air
raid, and with reason. The
Government has done practi-
cally nothing about protecting
its citizens from such an at-
tack, and it is easy to believe
that if Rome were heavily
bombed, there would be a fear-
ful panic.

Some people here are also
convinced that an all-out British
raid would be followed by a
stampede to the ranks of the
ever-enlarging group of active
anti-Fascists.

At the beginning of the war
there was much bustle over the
building of air-raid shelters, and
when the excitement subsided
Rome had a number of them—
all made of wood! They were
simply shacks propped up
against walls, and one of the
first things the Nazis did after
arriving was to condemn them
as useless and order them to be
torn down.

Paper Sandbags

ABOUT six months ago,
when the Romans were
still trying to manage their own
affairs, it was decided that the
famous Galleria Colonna, with
its arcades, shops and cafes,
would make an admirable com-
munity shelter, and Mussolini's
W.P.A. (Works Progress Ad-
ministration, which provides
work for the unemployed) set
about fixing it up as one.

First came carpenters who
put down wooden floors and
built a lot of wooden partitions
by waggon-load after waggon-
load of sandbags which were
piled up around the outside and
looked very impressive except
that they were made of paper.
Just before the place was to
open for inspection it occurred
to someone that paper would
not last long in the spring rains
and there was a delay while the
carpenters came back and put
up wooden walls to protect the
sandbags.

The walls were more than the
Fascist propagandists could re-
sist and there was a further wait.
While the signboard men went
to the premises pasting up
about the Government posters, the
shelter signs appeared, the shel-
ter was opened and hundreds of
Romans, who had been given to
understand that this was to be
one of the city's finest shelters,
streamed eagerly in from the
Corso Umberto to look around.

Crazy Maze

THEY found a crazy
maze of wooden corri-
dors, twisting this way
and that with no apparent purpose,
and usually winding up in a
dead end, and it was not long
before one began to hear jokes
about people getting lost in the
Galleria.

the way of shelters was dis-
couraging to the local authori-
ties. When the Germans arrived
they ripped out all of the corri-
dors and benches, and removed
the disintegrating sandbags,
leaving nothing of the Fascist
handiwork except the outside
walls and the posters. About
the only Fascist air raid pre-
parations with which the Nazis
have seemed to be satisfied are
the strips of paper pasted on the
store windows to keep glass
from flying around in the event
of bombs falling nearby.

The Germans may not have
much faith in these strips, but
they admire the taste of the
Italian shoepackers who have
arranged them to form swastika-
like and to spell out "Viva Il
Duce"—"Der Fuehrer."

Can't Get Rubber

NOW that the Galleria has
been stripped of most
of its war-time trimmings it is
again possible to see the show
window of the Fiat establish-
ment there. Of three magnifi-
cent automobiles lined up in it
for public inspection, one, a
black sedan with red wheels, is
particularly attractive, and, by
American standards, reasonably
priced. A neatly lettered sign
beside it on the showroom floor
reads "Prezzo 30,180 lire senza
gomme," which means that
since the lire is still worth five
cents, that car is yours for 1,509
dollars. It also means that the
car is yours without tyres, and
here's the hitch for you simply
cannot buy a new tyre in Italy
to-day. You cannot even get
an inner tube patched unless
you can supply the garage man
with the necessary morsel of
rubber, and some people are
finding that their old hot water
bottles come handy for this pur-
pose.

There is not much incentive
to own a car, anyway, for you
are allowed only five gallons of
gasoline per month (at one
dollar 25 cents per gallon) and
you cannot operate it after 10
o'clock in the evening, which is
when you might want it most as
public conveyances are hard to
find at night.

Some people are buying auto-
mobiles and putting them up on
jacks, looking towards the time
when the war will be over.
There is little else in which to
invest money these days and
there is always a chance that
cars will increase in value if,
dead end, and it was not long
before one began to hear jokes
about people getting lost in the
Galleria.

The reaction of the Nazi ex-
Government commander his
parts to Rome's best effort in car without warning.

Leningrad Talks To London

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Leningrad and London are now talking on the air. In response to the Londoners' message broadcast a few days ago, Leningrad Radio to-day responded: "Listen, people of London, this is Leningrad calling. We thank you warmly for your greetings. We admire your courageous airmen, soldiers and sailors in fighting our common enemy—Nazis Germany. We shall ruthlessly avenge the innocent blood of the peaceful inhabitants of London, Coventry, Plymouth, Liverpool, Warsaw, Moscow and Leningrad. The people of Leningrad are fighting the Fascist hordes with determination and fortitude. Your voice of friendship coming from the battlefield inspires us to new resistance till final victory. London will talk to Leningrad through the B.B.C."

GERMANS SHOOT HOSTAGES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". VICHY, Sept. 16 (UP).—Ten hostages who were shot by the Germans included five Communists and five Jews all of whom were arrested by the German police during the recent anti-German street disorders, chiefly at St. Denis Gate three weeks ago, when 150 persons were arrested. This morning, while the Germans were shooting the ten hostages in Paris, unknown persons shot at two more German non-Commissioned officers, one of whom was wounded and the other uninjured.

MR HULL HEARS VICHY'S VIEWS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (UP).—Mr. Henry Stimson, the French Ambassador conferred with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State to-day and discussed pending Franco-American topics. The Ambassador later said that he had presented the Vichy view on various questions and expected to have further conversations.

Gallant Czechs' Undercover War

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Eleven mysterious accidents occurred in Czechoslovakia during the latter part of July, according to news reaching authoritative Czech circles here. An ammunition train from the famous Skoda armaments works has also blown up. Over 250 officers and men of the German Army were killed in one accident. Mass destruction of crops at night time in Slovakia has led to the imposition of curfew covering all grainfields.

Pres. Roosevelt To Be Host

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (UP).—President Roosevelt will be host to an informal luncheon to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor on September 25 when the latter pass through Washington en route to their ranch in Canada. Mr. Stephen Early, the President's Secretary said that the meeting would be on the basis of the President's long acquaintance with the Duke of Windsor.

Panamanians Will Seek Indemnity

PANAMA, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The Panamanian Government have instructed their Minister in Berlin to present a formal protest to the German Government regarding the sinkings of the steamships *Seascan* and *Montana*, advising him to claim indemnity.

A decision in this regard was taken at this morning's Cabinet session.

Syrian Republic Lives Again

DAMASCUS, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—General Cotrucescu, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French forces in the Levant, acting in the name of the Allies, has restored the Syrian Republic, vesting it with authority. This is in accordance with the promise made by the Allies when the British and Free French forces entered Syria to stop German activities there.

Hamburg Deluged With Bombs

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—It was announced to-day that a great load of high explosive bombs was dropped on the Hamburg docks and several industrial districts last night which caused "fires of great size."

Time Bomb Explodes In Shanghai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". SHANGHAI, Sept. 16 (UP).—Two days prior to the tenth anniversary of the Mukden incident, a time bomb exploded to-day in the operating room of the Japanese owned Central China Telecommunications which took the lives of two Japanese. The bomb was in the Cathay Hotel, damaging equipment and halting the flow of radiograms to the whole world for an hour. There were no casualties.

BOMBAY, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The number of prisoners of war in India has now been announced as about 7,500 officers and 33,000 men.



TO POINT UP NAZIS—Canadian Scots have finished training in their homeland and have arrived in England to take part in the defence of the "tight little isle," if the Nazis decide an invasion attempt. Here they are receiving issue of rifles at an unnamed British station.

Army's Responsibilities And Its Tasks In War

Colonel Walter Elliot, M.P., Director of Public Relations at the War Office, recently visited Manchester, and during his stay had a conference with the North-west Regional Commissioner (Sir Harry Haig) and made a short tour of damaged areas. At midday he was the guest of the Manchester Luncheon Club. Mr John Coatsman presided over a large gathering which included the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Alderman R. G. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards).

In the course of his speech to the members of the club Colonel Elliot pleaded for still closer sympathy and understanding between the nation and the Army. No member of the general public believed he could command the Navy or control the intricate manoeuvres that resulted in the sinking of the Bismarck. But, he added jocularly, many people seemed to believe that, given the chance, they could operate the armies as successfully as the eminent commanders in the field.

He would not contend that the Army was perfect. But the Army was essential to the war effort of the country, and at the end of the day it would be called upon to play a decisive part. People asked what the Army was doing; had we too many soldiers and were the soldiers doing their stuff properly? On December 19 the Prime Minister advised the House of Commons to do everything possible to develop the strength and efficiency of the great British Army now building up at home.

"We must," said Mr Churchill, "have an Army on a large scale not only to defend this island, but for action in other theatres should they suggest themselves at any time." We now knew how the Western Desert suggested itself and the splendid work of our generals made of the opportunity.

Garrisoning Naval Bases
We needed an Army to garrison our naval bases. Who could say how much the issue of the Battle of the Atlantic depended upon our garrison in Iceland? We must have well equipped millions to guard against invasion. We dare not run the risk of being unable to defend Britain.

In a highly industrialised country like ours fighting would not be like fighting in the open deserts, where we could safely give ground without damage to our industrial productive effort upon which so much depended. Nor could we dispense with an expeditionary force. Europe was in the grip of a grinding tyranny. Sooner or later this tyranny would provoke national movements, and when these movements began we must be ready to help them with as great force as we could possibly manage.

Therefore the Army needed the understanding and the support of the whole nation. It needed still greater efforts in the production of munitions and equipment. That was why General Wavell had released some of his fighting men to talk with members of the public, the trade unions, and workers in the factories. The services of the Army were indispensable. Not by blockade and bombing alone would the German colossus be destroyed.

The Napoleonic War
Our forefathers had a similar task before them, and they met it in a spirit that was worth recalling. When we were fighting Napoleon we landed force after force that had to re-embark, and in the House of Commons there were bitter debates. How many times did we land expeditions which had to return to the coast for re-embarkation? They would perhaps recall Corunna and Walcheren Island, but would they be surprised to know that there were some twenty different occasions on which we landed troops and had to withdraw them?

In those days our forefathers had to counter the tremendous propaganda of the French Revolution—"liberty, equality, and fraternity," which was much more attractive to the common people than the gospel of "blood, soil, and Herrenvolk," preached by Hitler and his gang.

Stubbornness Of Heart
"I do not say we should repeat such a catalogue of retreats," said Colonel Elliot, in conclusion. "But we should do something to recapture the stubbornness of heart which our forefathers displayed. After such reverses they undertook the Peninsular campaign and fought their way from Lisbon to the Pyrenees. And though we are as a people understand speeches about disaster we should remember that they are not so invigorating to other people. Remember that the communiques published in London are read in Cairo."

Soviet Women Serving Behind Front Lines

Soviet Russia leaves the actual fighting to men, but hundreds of women have gone to the war front, serving in various capacities. Some women are nurses, others are serving in military headquarters as interpreters, stenographers, clerks and similar positions.

Thousands of them are wearing natty uniforms featuring a blue skirt, khaki tunic and peaked cap. But woman's place in war has been designated formally by the Soviets as mainly behind the lines, replacing men who have gone to the front.

Reports abroad that Russian women have been fighting as troops in the ranks of the Red Army have been dismissed in Moscow as German propaganda or stemming from isolated incidents. For instance, there was the case of the washwoman in a western border town who dropped her washing when the Germans came, grabbed a rifle and helped the local regiment face the attack.

There was another instance in which eight Karelian girls joined with troops in fighting on the Finnish frontier.

Amazons Discouraged
But the general tendency has been to discourage any Amazonian ambitions among Russian women and turn their zeal into other channels. Training courses have been provided to equip women for tasks in factories and on farms. The Stalin automobile factory in Moscow, for example, is training 300 girls to become skilled mechanics. The newspaper "Pravda," whose

Upstarts' Sentence On Queen

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has had all her property seized by the German occupation authorities in Holland.

The order of seizure applies also to all property belonging to living members of the House of Orange-Nassau, states a Hague dispatch to the German news agency.

Confiscation is based on a decree dealing with persons who foster anti-German sentiments.

In one announcement issued by the Reich Commissar, it is stated that "former Queen Wilhelmina has excluded herself from the unity of new Europe by her persistence in adhering to the Bolshevik-Capitalist front."

The Story Of A Camel

Tribute To Indians
The following little story has reached India from a correspondent in the Sudan:—

An army truck, driven by an Indian soldier, was travelling across a bridge in Port Sudan. There was a slight traffic jam, and the driver did not brake quite quickly enough to avoid a camel.

Unfortunately, the animal's leg was broken and it had to be shot. This was a very serious loss to the owner, "fuzzy-wuzzy," who was persuaded by the police to bring a charge.

When the case came up in court, the driver was put in the dock and the "fuzzy-wuzzy" was asked to identify him. He had one look at the Indian, and turned to the magistrate indignantly and said: "If this is the man who killed my camel, I wish to withdraw the charge. In the first place this man is a foreigner here, and therefore a guest in my country. In the second place, he has come here to defend me against my enemy."

The court was full of merchants that morning, and so impressed were they by the spirit of the camel-owner's reply that they made a collection on the spot and gave him enough money to buy another camel. So honour was satisfied, the spirit of hospitality untarnished, and the camel replaced.

Jewish Refugees In Shanghai

Another batch of 250 European-Jewish refugees arrived in Shanghai recently by the Asama Maru from Kobe and Yokohama. This number included 25 Polish Jews and sixteen German Jews.

The refugees, who had left war-torn Europe almost one year ago and who had visas to stay in Japan for only two weeks, had remained there for ten months. The majority of them, it is said, are people with little means and were immediately taken to various refugee centres in Wai-ai-ai where they will remain temporarily.

Among the newly arrived there were a number of rabbis. Quite a number of these refugees, it is learned, are awaiting transportation facilities, while others are waiting for entry permits to the United States.

Coupons Pool For The Trousseau

Relatives in Britain may pool their coupons to give a bride a trousseau. Captain Waterhouse, Board of Trade Parliamentary Secretary, announced this in the House of Commons.

Summer brides, who were in a fix, can now go ahead if they have enough generous cousins and aunts—and buy white satin bridal gowns, veils, satin slippers, gloves and complete going-away outfits.

Without help of this kind girls who had planned to marry would have been able to buy only one new dress, three pairs of stockings, a pair of shoes and one set of lingerie.

LILIAN HARVEY'S GEMS

Lilian Harvey, the London-born film actress, who spent much of her time in Germany before the war, arrived in New York recently by the Clipper from Lisbon. She declared 225,000 worth of jewels at the Customs.

U. S. Defence Bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives to-day without the call of a vote promptly approved the 2893,000,000 compromise version of the Defence Tax Bill, thus clearing the way for final action to-morrow by the Senate.

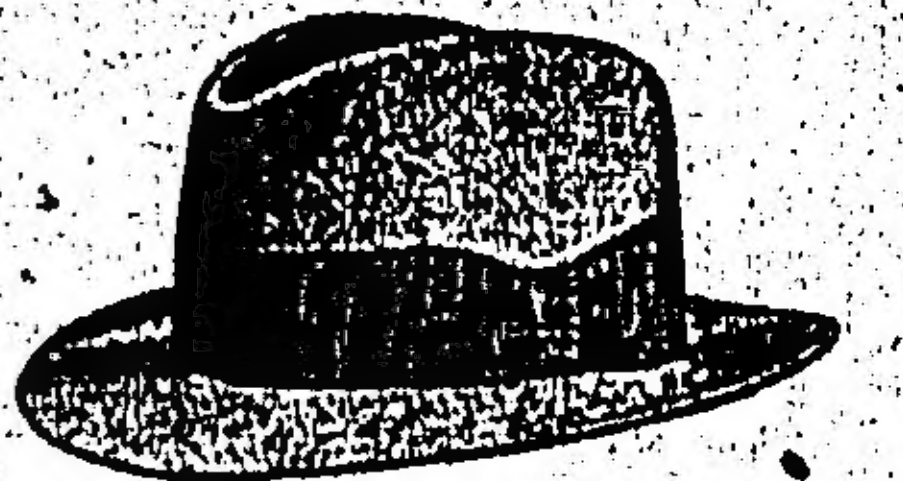
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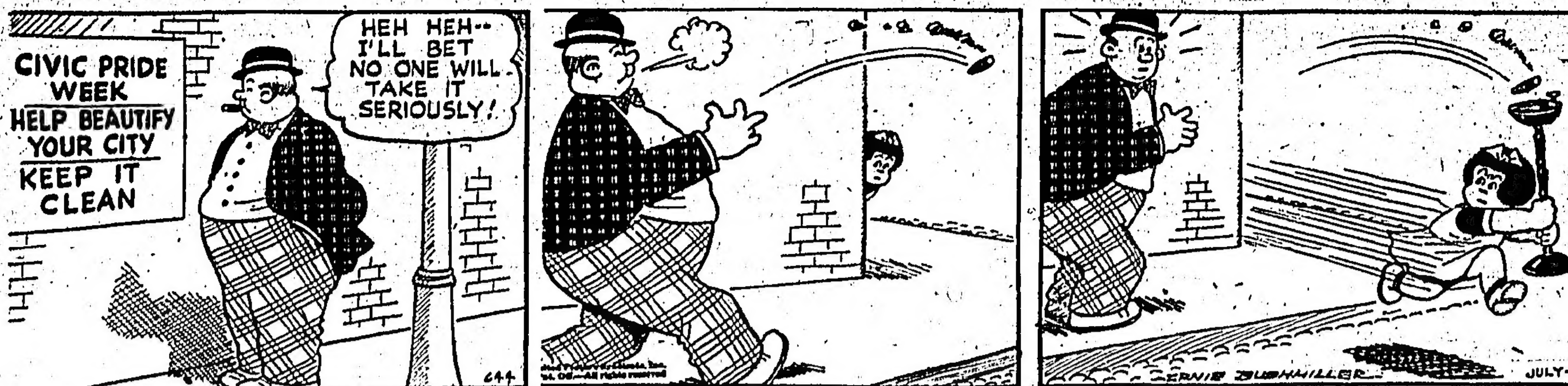
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

U.S. NURSES ADRIFT IN ATLANTIC

Ship Sunk By Submarine

"Hollywood has never produced such a thrill as this," said a young nurse as she struggled for her life in rough seas in the pitch dark, after the ship in which she was travelling was torpedoed.

As she fought through the Atlantic swell in howling wind, with the rain beating down one thought struck her.

"Gosh, this is sheer Hollywood." That was the only other remark she made before she was rescued from death.

She was Shirley Ralph, of Jamaica, New York State, one of seventeen young American nurses who arrived in London to work for the Red Cross. They were swimming in rough seas before being rescued from submarine-infested waters.

There were 22 passengers on board the liner Maand when the warning came that enemy ships were in the vicinity.

Like An Earthquake
Ruth Martin, a tall brunette, from Washington: "We were in the dining-room drinking sodapop when we heard our boat dropping depth charges."

"That gave us the first idea that Nazi submarines were about. Fifteen minutes later the ship was hit. When that torpedo struck us the shock was terrific. The ship shivered and reeled like a building in an earthquake."

"I knew what I had to do and did it. It was not exactly dark but it was raining heavily."

Shirley Ralph cannot complain, because she admits she came out both to nurse and "seek adventure."

She said: "When the torpedo hit us I strapped my life jacket on and went on deck. It was a Hollywood film night; in fact, there has been nothing like it on the screen."

"With several others I managed to get into a lifeboat, thanks to the help of some Marines on board who worked like heroes."

"We kept afloat for more than an hour despite high waves that threatened to send our tiny boat down to join the torpedoes. At last we were picked up."

U-Boat Was Sunk
"For three days after we had been picked up we never undressed, but stayed with our lifejackets on."

"We were picked up by a ship, the ship got down, and the captain told me that the submarine was sunk."

Lillian Evans, from Cambridge, Mass., jumped from a lifeboat as it was about to capsize. "It was terribly rough, and I am a poor swimmer, but I swam for about an hour until I got near enough to the rescue ship for a lifeline to be thrown to me," she said.

None of the nurses is more than 28, most of them being around 22.

VICAR IS DETAINED

The Rev. George H. Dymock, vicar of St. Bede's, Fishponds, Bristol, who in June, 1937, addressed a Fascist meeting directly after evening service, has been detained under the Defence regulations.

In April his vicarage was raided and the matter was raised in the Commons. Mrs Dymock told a reporter that her husband left the vicarage on a Saturday morning.

Wearing Blackshirt uniform, at an open-air meeting of Bristol Division in 1937, the vicar was howled down every time he mounted the platform.

In a recent interview, he declared that although he had attended meetings addressed by Sir Oswald Mosley, he had severed his connection with Sir Oswald's organization.

It was alleged, he added, that he flashed lights from the roof of his home to the enemy. On another occasion the police had searched his cellar for a wireless transmitting apparatus.

He Ate Knife And Fork With Meal

A Chinese recently left a restaurant in Winnipeg, Canada, with a stomachache and told a doctor he had swallowed the knife and fork with the meal. An X-ray examination confirmed his story. Surgeons operated on him and recovered the fork, but were still groping for the knife. The Chinese was expected to recover.

Australian Costs Of Living Soar

Due To Labour Lack On All Farms

Brisbane, Queensland — The steady rise of living costs in Australia, despite all effort at stabilisation by the official price-fixers, is giving the Government serious concern.

The difficulty is rendered the more acute through the prospects of labour shortage, which is already tending to send prices up. This shortage has been hastened by the intensified recruiting which has been in progress in Australia ever since the British reverses in Greece and North Africa—a fact that offers the best reply to those who talked of discouragement in the Dominions.

The shortage is affecting in particular farmer and pastoralists who, because of the large percentage of enlistments among field workers, are finding it extremely difficult to carry on normal operations.

There is also a shortage of labour in secondary industries, including those engaged in munition-making. To offset this shortage the Australian Government has introduced compulsory exemption of certain age groups, and also is energetically pushing forward with a nationwide plan for the training of youths as mechanics and mechanics for war industries as well as for the Army and Air Force.

Women In Industry
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Acknowledgments
Yesterday's typhoon caused a temporary cessation of the flow of contributions to the Bomber Fund. The day was not entirely blank, however, one venture-some spirit braving the elements to pay \$2 for a Victory badge. The total of the fund is now \$22,247.52.

GLORY FOR ORPHANS
The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges receipt of a gift of 20 pairs of socks and 20 pairs of towels, from the Hongkong Associated South China War Refugee Relief Committee, for the orphan children in King's Park Camp.

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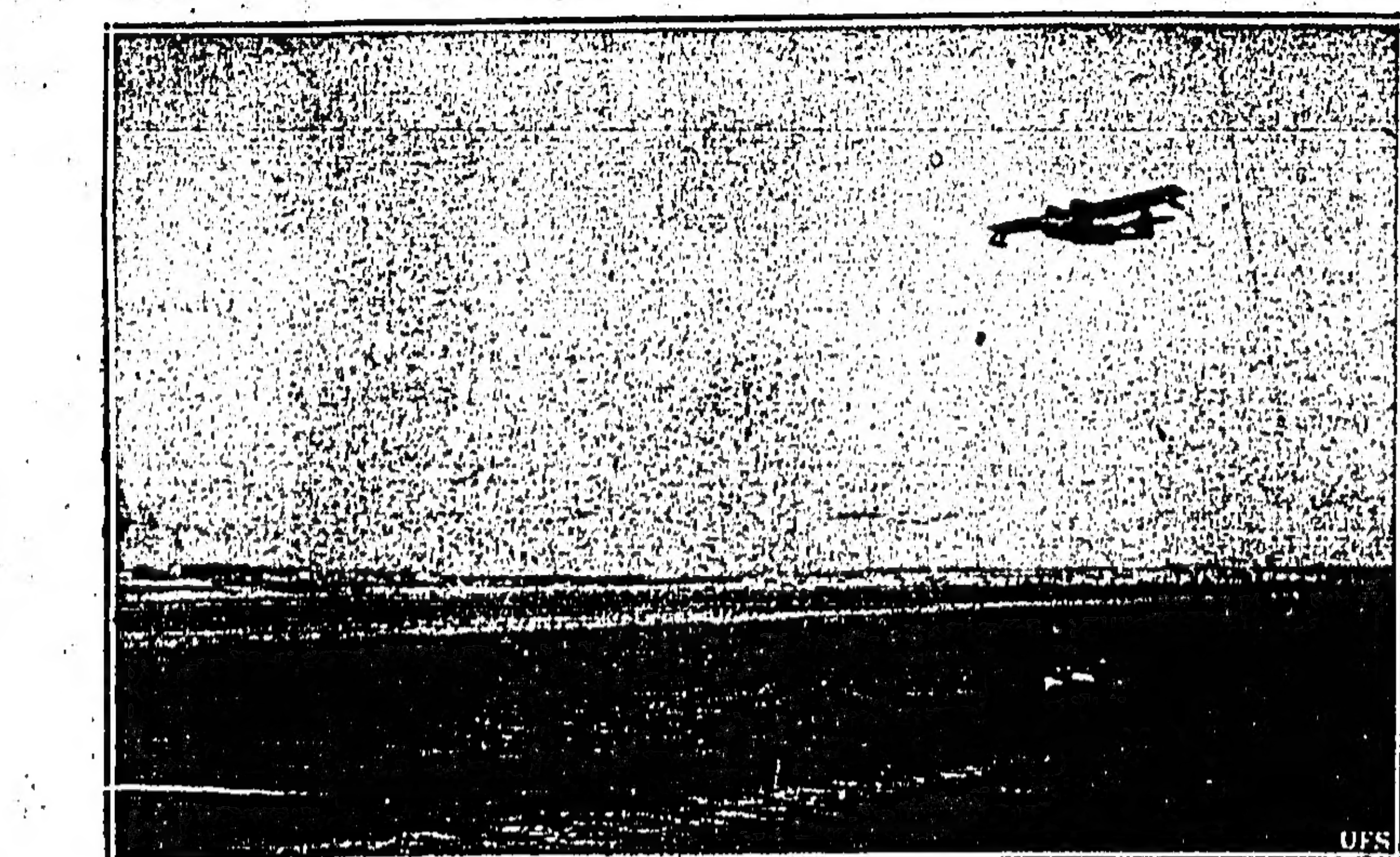
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WINGS-OVER ATLANTIC—A long-range U.S. patrol bomber wings out of the new U.S. air base in Newfoundland to scout for Nazi raiders and submarines in the north Atlantic. About 15 other big PB-5 airboats were in the harbour when this rare picture was taken.

Britain's Great Aerial Army Is Expanding: R.A.F. Only A Part

ADELAIDE.—An Empire Air Force that soon will number 250,000 stalwart young men is one of Britain's first bulwarks of defence, yet little is known of this great aerial army apart from the Royal Air Force. The R.A.F. is playing a truly heroic part in keeping the would-be Nazi invader at bay, but the R.A.F. is only one of six air forces that are guarding the British Empire.

Nor are the six air forces separate, unrelated units. There is a solidarity between all branches of the Empire air defences that is being rapidly tightened by the constant interchange not only of ideas but of the men themselves. Apart from the training scheme that is bringing thousands of young British trainees to Canada and the United States, service is taking these airmen to all parts of the globe.

Australians are in Canada; Malays, Southern Rhodesia, Egypt, Britain, Canadians are in Bermuda, Newfoundland, Britain, New Zealanders are in Canada and Britain. Malaysians are in Canada. South Africans are in Northeast Africa and Britain.

Belonging to separate air forces which have rallied to Britain's aid, they are being trained at their countries' expense and remain on active service under its orders.

The state of the five, sister air forces of the R.A.F. may be summed up as follows:

Australian Air Force

The Royal Australian Air Force was organised in 1913 when a Flying School was set up at Point Cooke in Victoria. It was the only Dominion Air Force to see active service as a force during the last war. On April 1, 1923, it became the R.A.A.F. and at the start of this war numbered 3,500 officers and men. Now it has grown to seven times that size, being about 25,000 all told. But the total figure is 48,000—meaning that about 23,000 have been allocated to the Empire Air Scheme. These men will mostly go overseas to join the R.A.F. there to man special Australian Squadrons.

Australians were the first Empire air fighters to get into action in defence of Britain as a unit within the R.A.F. The Sunderland flying boat squadron, intended for air passage to the Commonwealth, was held back for service with the R.A.F. Coastal Command and has already distinguished itself against Nazi U-boats.

New Zealand Force

The Royal New Zealand Air Force started off as the New Zealand Permanent Air Force in 1923 with 33 planes, presented by Britain. On Feb. 27, 1934, it became the R.N.Z.A.F. During 1934-1935, some 200 men served in the Air Force of the Motherland. A year ago last September the force numbered only 768 permanent officers and men. Now it numbers 8,000, having been enlarged nearly 11 times—the highest rate of expansion of any Dominion Air Force.

In addition there is a ground staff of 6,000 to operate New Zealand's share of the Empire Air Scheme which is destined to put out annually 4,800 officers and men, mostly for the R.A.F.

Like other Dominions, airmen of New Zealand wear their home-land name on the uniform shoulders.

Canadian Force

The Royal Canadian Air Force, which has grown from the First Canadian Air Force Wing training in England when the 1918 armistice was signed, owes its existence to a £2,000,000 present of over 100 planes, armaments, radio equipment

and some airships from Britain after the last war.

With this material, the Canadian Air Force was formed in 1920. But the prefix "Royal" was not granted till 1924.

A year ago last September it numbered 4,000 officers and men—to-day it has 38,000 on active service in Canada and elsewhere. The expansion rate is therefore nine times.

Canada, which is the home of the Empire Air Scheme, will have 40,000 men in the ground staff when operations are in full swing for this part of its air defence. At present there are 36,000 training and being trained for the R.A.F. to which finished air fighters are being sent in an ever increasing stream. So many Canadians served in the R.A.F. in the last war that they are allowed to wear a quarter of the R.A.F. officers were Canadians. In November, 1918, there were 22,408 of them as officers and airmen in the R.A.F.

South African Force
The South African Air Force, starting off as the South African Aviation Corps at Kimberley in 1913, was snuffed out prematurely by the Great War. All hands volunteered for and served in the Royal Flying Corps, which preceded the R.A.F.

As the war continued, the originals were joined by hundreds of their countrymen so that 3,000 flew for Britain during 1914-18.

The South African Air Force, still part of the Army, was formed as its flying section in October, 1920. In 1934 a "Five Year Programme" was put into operation for expanding the force and in 1937 this was supplemented with a "Thousand Pilots Scheme."

When this war broke out results were so far ahead of schedule that the Union had its own air force of 3,000, which has since been expanded to at least 10,000.

The S.A.A.F. was the first Dominion air force to get into action as an independent Dominion air force when it began operations by bombing Italians at Moyale on the Kenya border. Before then, and of course since, part of it has operated as the Seaward Defence Force which guards the Union shipping routes by sea patrol.

Indian Force
The Indian Air Force is the youngest of the family. It started in 1932 after the first Indian cadets had been trained at the R.A.F. Cranwell College, England. Many Indians served with distinction in the last war and those in the R.A.F. to-day are distinguished by the "Air Force Blue" turban.

It started with one flight, became two flights in 1936, then went into active service on the Northwest Frontier where some of its air fighters have been on duty for three months each year since then.

A third flight was soon added, thus forming a squadron, so that when India joined up in the present war, there were 200 officers and men hardened to air war.

The Indian Volunteer Reserve, overwhelmed by recruits since it was announced, is being built up to

400 pilots and 2,800 mechanics for local defence, mainly above India's coasts and ports.

Some months ago five flights started to operate from Karachi, Bombay, Madras and Delhi. Pilots and air crews are being trained at Risalpur and mechanics at Ambala.

Meanwhile regulars are being expanded to four squadrons, three of which are formed already. Thus regulars and reserves have built up the I.A.F. to fifteen-times its pre-war strength.

'Bomb Basket' Invented By U.S. Private

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 4.—Private Robert R. Stubbs of Macmill Field has received public commendation from his commanding officer for his invention of a bomb device which Private Stubbs described as an improvement of the "Molotov Bread Basket," which scatters bombs as it falls.

Brig. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, former commander of the field, praised the invention, and Col. Harry H. Young, present commander, wrote a letter of commendation to Private Stubbs which was read before his company, the 44th Bombardment Group.

It was also announced at the field that the device has been favourably endorsed by high ranking officials of the War Department following tests at the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds.

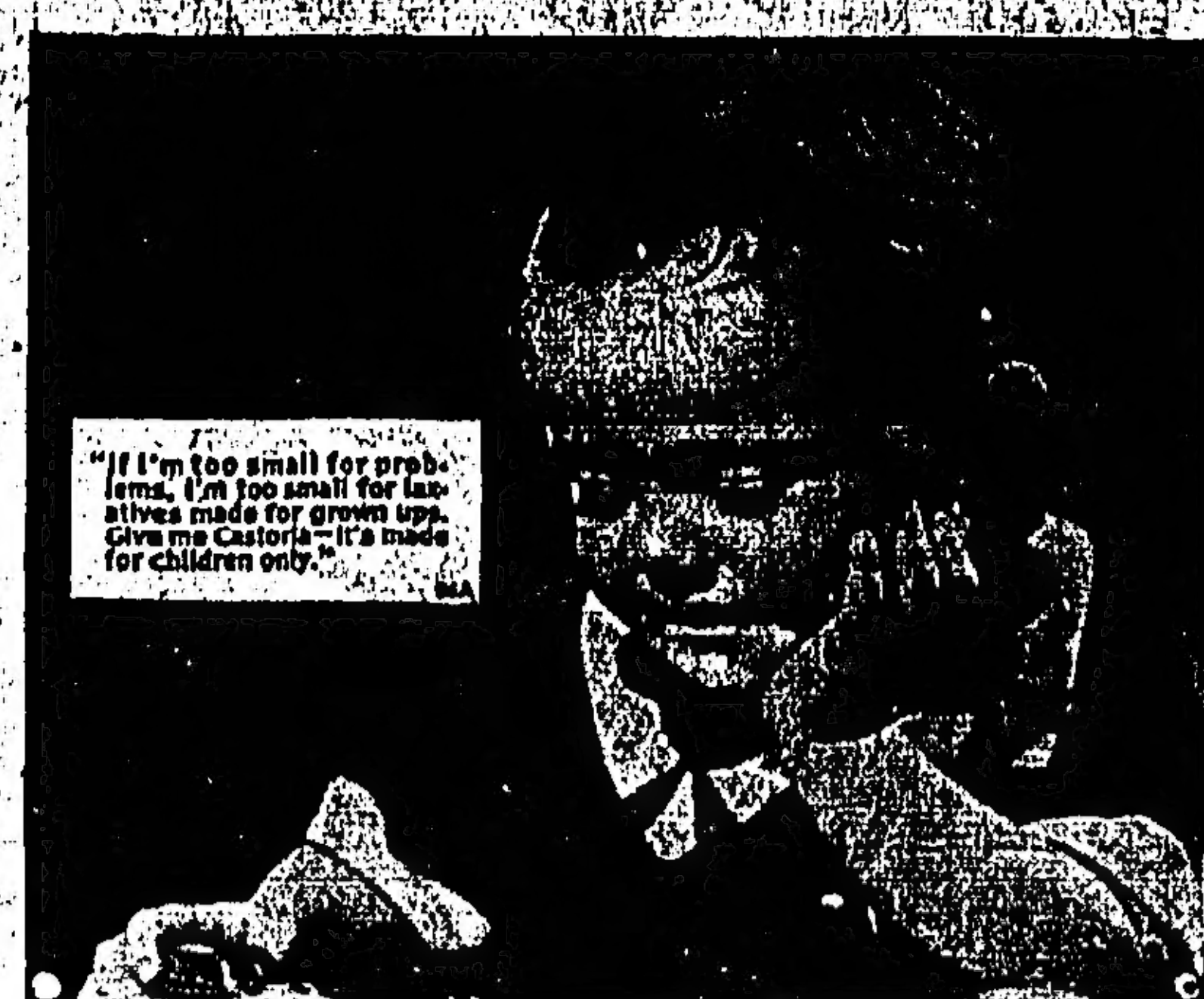
"The idea behind the whole thing," Private Stubbs said, "is to cause the maximum damage with a minimum of risk." He said he first conceived his invention about three years ago. He has assigned all his rights in the invention, he said, to the War Department.

Private Stubbs, a native of Charlotte, N. C., and a construction superintendent in civilian life, first tried his invention by dropping a harmless, miniature model of a seven-story building. It worked, and he then made a formal drawing for the War Department.

NEGRO COMPOSER HONOURED
NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers announced to-day that Harry T. Burleigh, Negro composer, had been nominated for its board of directors.

He was one of eight named to fill three vacancies. The others were: Deems Taylor and Ole Speaks, present board members, Clara Edwards, Horace Johnson, Geoffrey O'Hara, John Tasker Howard, and Harvey Enders.

Mr. Burleigh is baritone soloist at St. George's Episcopal Church and author of "Little Mother of Mine," sung throughout the world by John McCormack.



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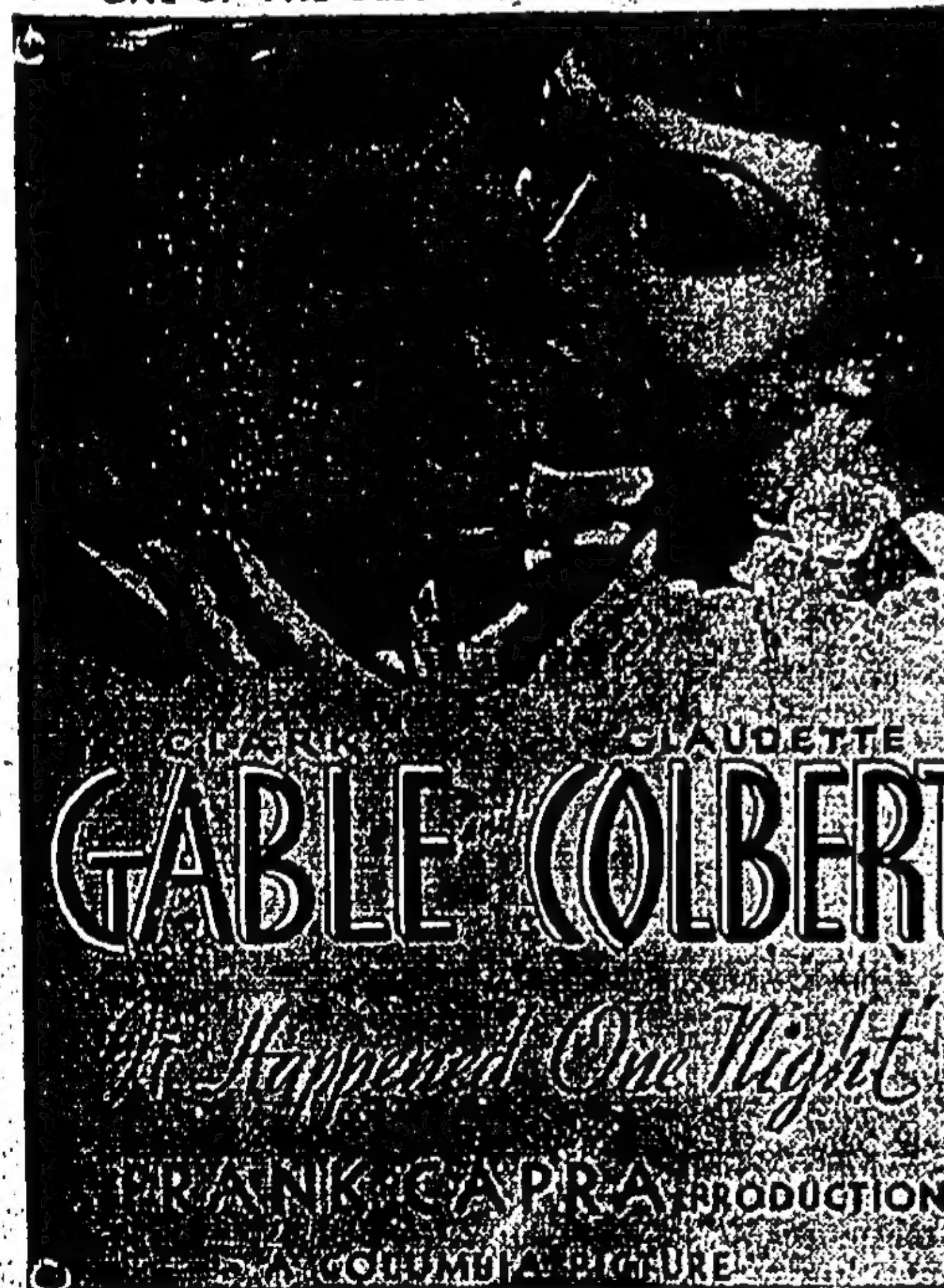
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Doubt On Succession Of Shah's Son

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accept the action of the Shah in nominating the Crown Prince as his successor as the two are tarred with the same brush.

The Iranian Government have so far shown a helpful appreciation of the realities of the situation.

Advance On Teheran
LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuters).—British and Russian forces in equal numbers are now moving towards Teheran, states authoritative quarters in London.

The purpose of this action is stated to be not directly related to the abdication of the Shah, but is concerned with the definite intention of the Allies to clear up the situation regarding the Germans who are to be deported from Iran and to put an end to Axis tactics which the Iranian Government, in spite of their good intentions, have not been able alone to counter effectively.

London Reaction
LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—Reports of the abdication of the Shah of Iran were greeted with great satisfaction here to-night, by authoritative circles. The Foreign Office has not yet received confirmation of the news but the reports are believed to be true.

Some doubts were expressed in London as to whether the Crown Prince would be able to ascend the throne or if he does would he be able to remain. The idea of a Regency Council with Premier Ali Akbar Khan as its head, and a Regency Council with a great influence is still being discussed here.

Radio Teheran said that the Shah abdicated "owing to ill health," adding that the Shah's abdication was presented to the extraordinary sitting of Parliament at 11 a.m. The new King will attend Parliament and start carrying out his duties according to the laws of the constitutional Government.

Relations To Be Broken
CAIRO, Sept. 16 (UP).—It is reliably reported that diplomatic relations between Iran and Germany will be broken off. It is understood that the United States has agreed to represent the Egyptian interests in Germany. Hitherto, Iran has represented Egypt.

Ex-Shah Takes The Road
TEHERAN, Sept. 16 (Reuters).—The Shah has left the capital. He is going to Sifahan by the road along which British troops are advancing towards Teheran.

Desert Fails
TEHERAN, Sept. 16 (Reuters).—During an extraordinary meeting of Parliament to-day, the ex-Shah was declared to be solely responsible for the Government's policy during the last 20 years because he was an absolute ruler, according to a radio announcement.

A declaration was also made regarding the new government. This was stated, will be based on constitutional procedure.

The new Shah will be sworn in on Wednesday afternoon.

Advancing On Teheran
LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—Official quarters to-day report that Anglo-Russian troops are advancing on Teheran and are expected to occupy the capital.

The same quarters said that the reason for the Anglo-Russian advance was because of the obstructions offered by the German Legation in surrendering German nationals to the Allies.

Will Not Enter City
TEHERAN, Sept. 16 (UP).—Arrangements have been completed to billet the Russian and British troops in barracks outside of the city where they will remain unless the situation warrants their entry.

The Shah stepped down from the throne in one of the quietest, unheralded and unromantic acts in the history of the country.

Germans Leaving
BERLIN, Sept. 16 (UP).—Authorized German circles to-day said that the staff of the German Legation with their women and children and other Germans who are permitted to leave Iran, are departing from Teheran to-morrow. As far as is known, those to be interned number around 300.

Nazi Plan To Seize Island Is Foiled

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and, possibly, some members of the Russian storming party swam the river while others jumped from rock to rock.

The advance was covered by an artillery barrage. As the storming party reached the islands, the barrage was lifted and transferred to a large German force. Here the further bank preventing the arrival of German reinforcements.

The official Russian news agency giving details adds that mine throwers also figured prominently in this river battle.

The Russians have recaptured the town of Saulino on the northwest front after cutting off the retreat of a large German force. Here the Germans lost one and a half battalions before they fled.

They were taken in the rear and had to run the gauntlet of rifle and machinegun fire.

Prisoners And Booty
In another action in the Leningrad area, the agency states that the German 20th Infantry Division was "completely annihilated." The Russians here captured 250 prisoners, 100 lorries, a battery of anti-tank guns and much other booty.

These successes followed a series of counter-attacks against the German forces which had broken into the Russian positions. These forces, it is stated, were finally compelled to retreat.

The newspaper "Red Star" describing still another battle in the Leningrad area says, "The Germans were staggered by an unexpected tank attack." From a fortified height overlooking the railway and road the Germans had planned to drive the Russians into a "mud trap" in the low-lying lands where incessant rain had turned the ground into a swamp.

Battle In Swamp
Before the attack could develop, the Russians cut special lanes through a neighbouring wood, enabling the tanks to deliver their surprise attack.

The Germans were driven off the heights and into the very "mud trap" they had planned for the Russians.

Floundering in the swamp they became a target for the Russian artillery and mine throwers, and were routed, losing 400 officers and men dead or the battlefield.

Two German dumps with tanks, guns, machine-guns and valuable operational documents fell into Russian hands.

Japan's Attitude Towards U.S.

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the announcement of the basic points on which agreement has been reached. Although the nature of the difficulties is not clear, it is understood that they are not likely to cause a collapse of negotiations or jeopardise hopes of a successful outcome.

Eleventh Hour Hitch
The difficulties are alleged to have resulted from points raised by Washington at the eleventh hour.

Before these difficulties arose, the two governments are said to have reached an agreement on certain basic principles covering future Japanese-American relations and relating chiefly to an assurance of peace in the Pacific and the gradual easing of economic restrictions against Japan.

Hitler Still Beaten If He Forces Red Cities
WELLINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuters).—The belief that the Russians should be forced to retreat from Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow, Hitler is already beaten as long as the line is kept intact was the opinion voiced by Mr Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister, speaking at a civic reception here.

Mr Fraser added that this view is held in authoritative circles in Britain.

The Hood Casualties Included 94 Officers

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Lieutenant J. M. Ingo, Midshipman S. L. L. Jones, Temporary Midshipman R. S. Knight, Temporary Midshipman P. R. Laphron, Lieutenant E. P. S. Lewis, Major H. Lumley, Royal Marines, Paymaster Lieutenant P. J. P. Luxmoore, Lieutenant Commander J. L. Machine, Temporary Midshipman J. B. McLaren, Lieutenant Commander E. H. F. Maultre, Temporary Lieutenant C. B. Newey, Midshipman C. J. Norman, Lieutenant Cdr G. E. Owens, Lt-Cdr A. Pares, Surgeon Lieutenant J. E. C. Peacock, Midshipman R. G. Perman, Paymaster Lieutenant R. G. Phillips, Warrant Engineer R. A. Plumley, Paymaster Lieutenant S. A. Porter-Faungel, Mister W. A. Price, Warrant shipwright, Lieutenant B. C. Roach, Sub Lieutenant A. C. Robbins, Paymaster Commander D. C. Roe, Sub Lieutenant J. H. Scott-Kerr, Lieutenant H. G. Smith, Temporary Lieutenant T. F. Spence, Instructor Commander D. M. Steel, Temporary Midshipman B. B. Stevens, Reverend T. R. J. Stewart, Chaplain, Temporary Lieutenant C. F. Studds, Commissioned Ordnance Officer J. C. Sulley, Commissioned Telegraphist W. C. Taylor, Commissioned Gunner H. G. Tozer, Paymaster Midshipman G. D. Vacher, Commissioned Gunner A. C. Varlow, Warrant Engineer W. F. Walter, Probationary Temporary Midshipman K. G. Warrand, Acting Commander S. J. Warrand, Probationary Paymaster Sub Lieutenant S. Watkinson, Gunner E. F. Wheeler, Probationary Temporary Sub Lieutenant T. Willette, Temporary Midshipman R. G. Williams, Acting Warrant Electrician, F. J. Woodward, Lieutenant Commander A. C. Wyldborne-Smith, Boatswain, R. G. Yates.

Polish Navy
Midshipman S. Czerny, Midshipman K. Szymanski, Midshipman L. Zmuda Trzebiatowski, Midshipman O. Zurek.

"Reuter" adds that the men's names occupied 43 pages of the Admiralty casualty list, consisting of 94 officers, 1,102 ratings, 161 Royal Marines, four Australian naval ratings and seven members of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

Four Polish midshipmen and 90 British boys (ratings and marines) figure in the list.

The officers list included the noted gunnery expert, Vice-Admiral Lancelot Ernest Holland, aged 53, who had been described as one of the most outstanding officers of his generation, and Captain Ralph Kerr, who commanded the Hood.

Three survivors were picked up, including a midshipman aged 17, who was making his first voyage.

Gallantry Rewarded
LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuters).—"Finle" was written to-day to the epic story of the sinking of the "unsinkable" Bismarck, which was the swift revenge the British exacted from the German Navy for the sinking of the Hood, with the announcement of awards to officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm who crippled the Nazi battleship, enabling the Royal Navy to send the German ship to the bottom.

The awards include three Distinguished Service Orders, medals and three mentions. Shared by aircraft of the Ark Royal and the Victorious and by H.M.S. Sparrowhawk and one naval air station, the honours are made for "gallantry, daring and skill in operations in which the German battleship Bismarck was destroyed."

LATE NEWS

QUEENS & ALHAMBRA

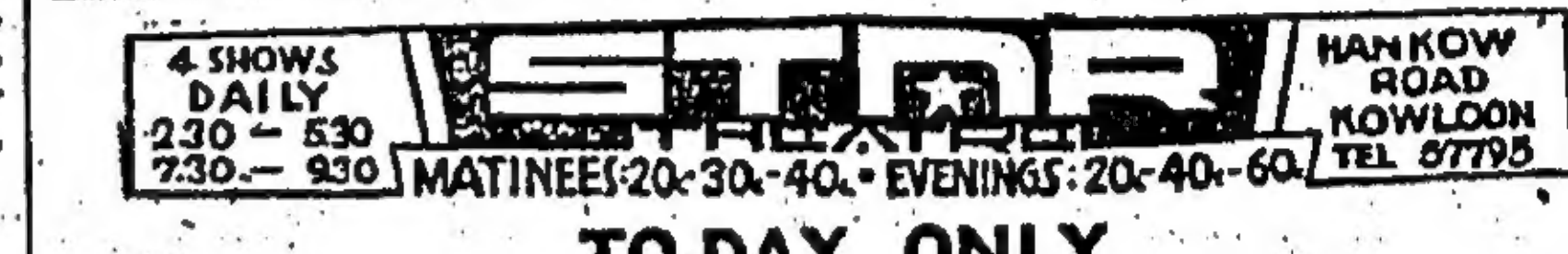
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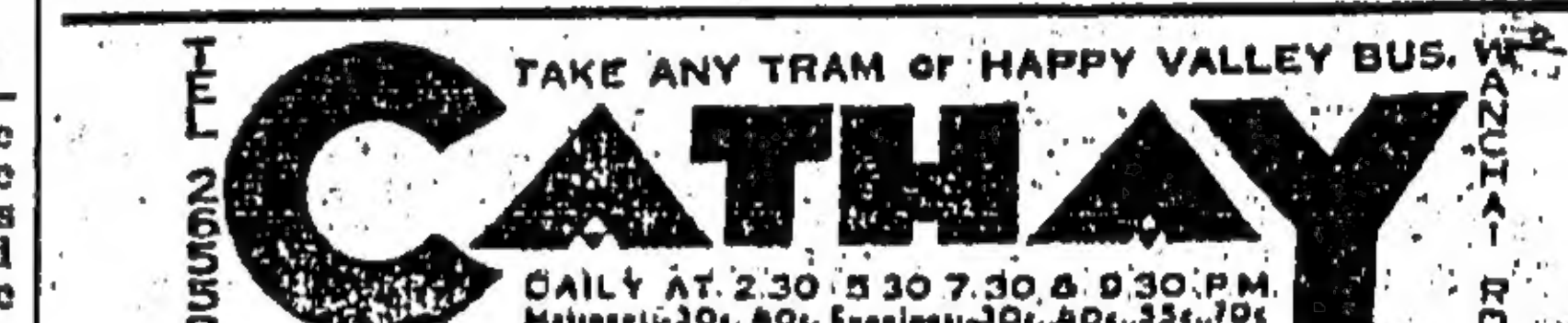
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- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- The conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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No Room For U.S. Forces In Europe

But Navy, Air Corps
Would Be Useful

NEW YORK, July 28—Britain does not need an American expeditionary force in Europe, since there, but would not be adverse to a declaration of war against Germany by the United States, according to Sir Gerald Campbell, Director-General of British Information Services here. Sir Gerald has just returned to his post in New York after a visit to England.

"If America decided to come into the war," Sir Gerald told newspaper interviewers, "it would be the Navy and the Air Force that would give the greatest help, because the island is too small to entertain very many more troops."

Sir Gerald said the swift British seizure of Japanese assets following this country's action as an instance of the two Governments working along parallel lines after consultation rather than negotiation.

Opinions On Russia

Turning to Germany's Eastern Front, he said there were two opinions in Britain concerning the Nazi-Russian war.

"One is that Russia will fall to withstand for more than a couple of months," he continued. "The other that the Russians are sucking the Germans in still further and that the Germans may be there when the snow falls—let's hope it will be earlier than ever—and if they are, that then they won't get out so easily and will have to be there for the winter."

The information chief placed losses of 650,000 men for the Germans and 1,000,000 for the Russians.

Sir Gerald asserted that the British people were thankful for aid given them by the United States. "They have been battered about to beat the bar in most of the towns, and yet they are as calm as they can be. But I don't think they would be so calm if they didn't know this country was helping."

"They have no idea of making peace. That wasn't mentioned. In fact, they expect a peace offensive if Germany ever gets the better of Russia, they expect a peace offensive."

Explains Bombing

The British spokesman withheld a formal reply to a question as to why Berlin had not been bombed more intensively, but indicated indirectly it was due to the British leaders' wish to concentrate on other cities containing larger factory, docks, and communication centres. There is a lack of "important enough targets" in the German Capital, he said, adding that a bomber can only stay over Berlin about 20 minutes in the present phases.

By the middle of next month experts in British industry, labour, women's work, India, and other subjects who are also familiar with the American point of view will begin to arrive in this country to co-operate in his work, Sir Gerald disclosed. Among these will be Vernon Bartlett, a member of Parliament, who will be Director of the British Press Service; Prof. C. K. Webster to be director of the British Library of Information, and Dr. Winifred Cullis who will interpret English women's work.

TIN HAT DAY

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NEWFOUNDLANDERS BUSY—These are members of a Newfoundland regiment, part of the Royal Artillery, in training in Sussex, England, before assignment to active duty. They're carrying shells to feed the big guns. Newfoundland is one of Britain's oldest colonies.

Physiologist Debunks Popular Food Taboos

BERKELEY, Cal. (UP)—It's all right to drink water with meals and to mix such foods as shrimps and strawberries, milk and fish, according to Dr Arthur H. Steinhaus, distinguished physiology expert of George Williams College. Discussing the modern American's eating habits, Dr Steinhaus, visiting at the University of California, attacked the "superstition against water."

"Is it harmful to drink water with meals?" he asked. "Earlier views held that it was harmful because the stomach juices thereby were seriously diluted. Experimentation has proved that water is one of the best stimulants to stomach secretion. Digestion is improved. Even cold water is no significant deterrent to digestion."

Statements that certain combinations of food are harmful to the individual were branded as "groundless" by Dr Steinhaus.

Acids Overcome

"Shrimp with strawberries, milk with fish, starch foods with acids—they're all harmless unless the individual is allergic to one or several of them," he declared. "The normal stomach secretes an acid much stronger than that which is taken in so-called acid foods."

Even the advocates of the long-respected "three squares" a day eaten at regular times, as an effective health measure were confounded by the doctor.

"The conventional three squares is simply a matter of convenience," he said. "Much more sensible would it be to eat whenever one becomes hungry. For young children and certain adults who suffer terrible hunger pangs, five, six, or seven light meals a day would be more effective."

The modern American came in for a broadside of the physiologist's criticism.

Feelings Not Known

"I daresay many Americans have no idea how they themselves, alone and unassisted, really feel," the doctor observed. "They barge into the new day under the stimulation of caffeine-laden java. Soon they deaden their jangled nerves with nicotine."

The worst, however, is yet to come, according to the doctor, especially if you happen to be one of those persons who enjoys a social hour and maybe a beer with the boys on the way home at night.

"From half past afternoon until late at night their irritated minds find solace in alcohol. At headache time you happen to give them an escape. Bubbly alkalizers remove yesterday's brown taste to make room for today's."

The solution to the great American problem, however, is comparatively simple, Dr Steinhaus believes. For those interested in knowing their inner physical selves, he advises:

Ideal Situation

"If foodless and matchless, John Doe some day would walk through the woods, upon tiring at by a stream to straighten out his cockeyed thinking, then when hungry pass up hamburger stands and taverns homeward to a plain wholesome dinner, and after helping the wife with the dishes play with the kids or otherwise occupy himself with socially constructive work, he might be surprised with himself."

"It might take several days, but eventually he would find that it feels good to be John Doe with clean mouth and lungs, to be John Doe with mind and emotions at peace with the world, unencumbered by artificial aids, would give him a feeling as priceless as it is costless."

Modern "scientific" health rules, according to the doctor, are often as erroneous as their predecessors of yesterday.

Trouble Upon Trouble

"Too often health rules were merely devices designed to force the prejudices of one generation on to the next," he declared. "About a generation ago such rules began to lose their grip on us, as we turned to science for health facts. This has got into even more trouble. In the place of one family-cherished health rule, we now have a score of high-powered, recently concocted, formidable sounding statements claiming to be health facts."

"The thundering fury of loud claims by manufacturers and stockholders as to the health merits of their respective products has had at least one favourable effect, however, Dr Steinhaus pointed out: people now ask for reasons back of health statements before accepting them completely."

"This is the era of 'health reasons'," he said. "We must learn not to believe a statement unless there is ample evidence for it. We must develop a modern nose for distinguishing clean facts from moldy tradition and both from foul falsehoods."

Colour Defectives Not Accepted As Airmen

Although partially colour-blind people are said to be quicker at detecting certain kinds of camouflage than men with normal vision, the Australian Department of Air will not relax the colour vision tests for enrolment in the Air Force.

Reports from America had suggested that camouflage pigments, which to the normal eye appeared to match the natural surroundings, did not appear the same shade to the colour defective.

The Australian Air Department, however, does not regard such an occasional and uncertain advantage over normal sight as compensation for the very real danger arising from defective colour vision during air operations.

Accurate colour sense is essential for the recognition of coloured signals at night, wing-up lights on other aircraft, aerodrome lights, and Verox lights.

A mistake in reading a colour signal could cause loss of the aircraft, or of the action in which it was engaged.

Wrong Place To Land

A "colour-blind" pilot might select a landing ground as a result of a defective vision.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks1,480 b.
H.K. Banks77 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)85 n.
Chartered Banks9 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.23 3/4 n.
Mercantile C.11 1/2 n.
East Asia78 n.

INSURANCES
Canton Ins.240 b.
Union Ins.435 b.
China Underwriters1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins.187 1/2 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas S.120 n.
Steamboats S.10 n.
Indo-China S.90 n.
Indo-China S.70 n.
Shell (Bearers) S.50 1/2 n.
Waterboats S.635 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves S.97 b.
Docks S.100 b.
Provident S.75 1/2 n.
Shal Dockyards S.35 1/2 n.

MINING
Kailan S.14 1/2 n.
Rauha S.7 1/2 n.
H.K. Mines2 cts n.

LANDS
Hotels S.4 1/2 n.
Lands S.38 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Debentures97 1/2 n.
Shal Lands S.21 1/2 n.
Humphreys S.8 n.
H.K. Realities S.415 b.
Chinese Estates S.100 1/4 b.

UTILITIES
Trams S.18 1/2 n.
Peak Trams S.7 n.
Peak Trams (new) S.3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries S.51 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries S.24 b.
China Lights (old) S.7 1/2 n.
China Lights (new) S.2 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old) S.24 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new) S.24 n.
H.K. Electric (R) S.13 1/2 n.
Macao Electric S.13 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights S.13 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) S.25 n.
Telephones (new) S.0.30 b.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.45 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.36 n.
Canton Iron S.1 n.
Cement S.1 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes S.10 1/2 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms S.20.30 n.
Watsons S.13 1/2 n.
Lane Crawford S.6.45 n.
Sincere S.2.45 n.
Wing On (H.K.) S.39 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. S.1 1/2 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. S.405 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. S.305 n.

MISC.
H.K. Govt 4%101 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)99 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)98 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.Bds.43 n.
Entertainments S.1 1/2 n.
Constructions (old) S.1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new) S.80 cts n.
Vibro Piling S.7.20 n.
Mansmann Inv. (Lon.) S.7 1/8 n.
Mansmann Inv. (H.K.) S.7 1/8 n.

LILIAN HARVEY'S GEMS

Lilian Harvey, the London-born film actress, who spent much of her time in Germany before the war, arrived in New York recently by the Clipper from Lisbon. She declared \$250,000 worth of jewels at the Customs.

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War Taxation Rules For Depreciation

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any person carrying on the business of a bank; "Bank" means any bank whose head office is outside this Colony; "Hongkong branch" means the business carried on in Hongkong by any such bank; "Other branch" means the business carried on by a bank in any place outside Hongkong, including that carried on at its principal place of business.

2. Where any accounts prepared by a bank for its own purposes disclose, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the true profits of the Hongkong branch, the profits of the Hongkong branch shall, for the purposes of assessment, be computed on the basis of such accounts. Where no accounts are prepared which in the opinion of the Commissioner disclose the true profits of the Hongkong branch, the following provisions shall apply to the determination of such profits.

(a) the same proportion of the total profits of the bank as the assets of the Hongkong branch bear to the total assets of the bank shall be treated as profits made from transactions in this Colony and shall be assessed accordingly;

(b) when the said total profits have been computed on a basis which differs materially from that prescribed in the Ordinance, the ratio of profits shall be adjusted so as to respond as nearly as possible to the ratio which would have been arrived at if the total profits had been computed in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance;

Where it appears expedient to the Commissioner he may, in relation to any exchange transaction, instead of acting under the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) and (b) of this paragraph, estimate the amount of the profits from the transaction and assess such profits accordingly.

Notes on Rule 2

This rule applies to non-resident banks operating in Hongkong. Paragraph 2.—It is expected that the accounts of the Hongkong branches of banks will be sufficiently accurate for the computation of the profits of the branch to be based upon them.

Where, however, either no branch accounts are prepared, or the Hongkong branch accounts are so merged with the accounts of other branches as to make it difficult to compute the true profits provision is made for the profits to be ascertained by apportioning the total profits of the bank in the ratio of the Hongkong assets to total assets.

U.S. Navy Escorting Cargoes

giving the United States 17 battleships in actual service.

The Navy Department also stated that a survey of the vessels in the course of construction and contracted for revealed "astounding progress" in the accelerated building of a two-ocean navy.

A total of 2,331 combat and auxiliary ships has been ordered since January 1, 1940, at the cost of \$7,234,262,178.

Cutting Red Tape
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—A new step to speed Lease-Lend operations by cutting red tape was announced by President Roosevelt at a press conference today, but he declined to say whether the navy would engage in actual convoying to get war supplies overseas.

The President said that he had named Mr. Edward Stettinius, Jr., as special assistant empowered to affix the presidential signature to Lease-Lend documents thus eliminating 24 hours delay within the White House. There had already been a reduction in the period between application and final clearance, he added.

Asked whether convoying was one of the means contemplated for protecting the flow of war supplies to nations fighting the Axis, President Roosevelt said he thought he had said enough on the subject, but added that amateur strategists should not think that there was only one means of affording protection.

Replying to further questions, he declared it depended on the naval situation whether further convoys or attacks on American-owned commercial ships would be announced and whether there would be announcements of encounters between American warships and submarines or surface raiders in the Western Atlantic.

Trinidad Takes On U. S. Air Americans Popular

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad.—So many American soldiers are stationed on this British Island, so many American ships are anchored in the harbour, and so many American labourers are working on the new United States base that Trinidad today looks almost more American than British.

This is one of the bases acquired in the trade for 50 destroyers. In fact, many restaurants, movies and shops have changed their signs to include the word "American" in the firm name.

"First we were a Spanish colony, then French, then British," a native shopkeeper said. "Now maybe we're on the way to becoming an American colony."

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Europe all countries \$3.50
air mail surcharges per 1/2 oz by air to U.S.A. and onwards by sea

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

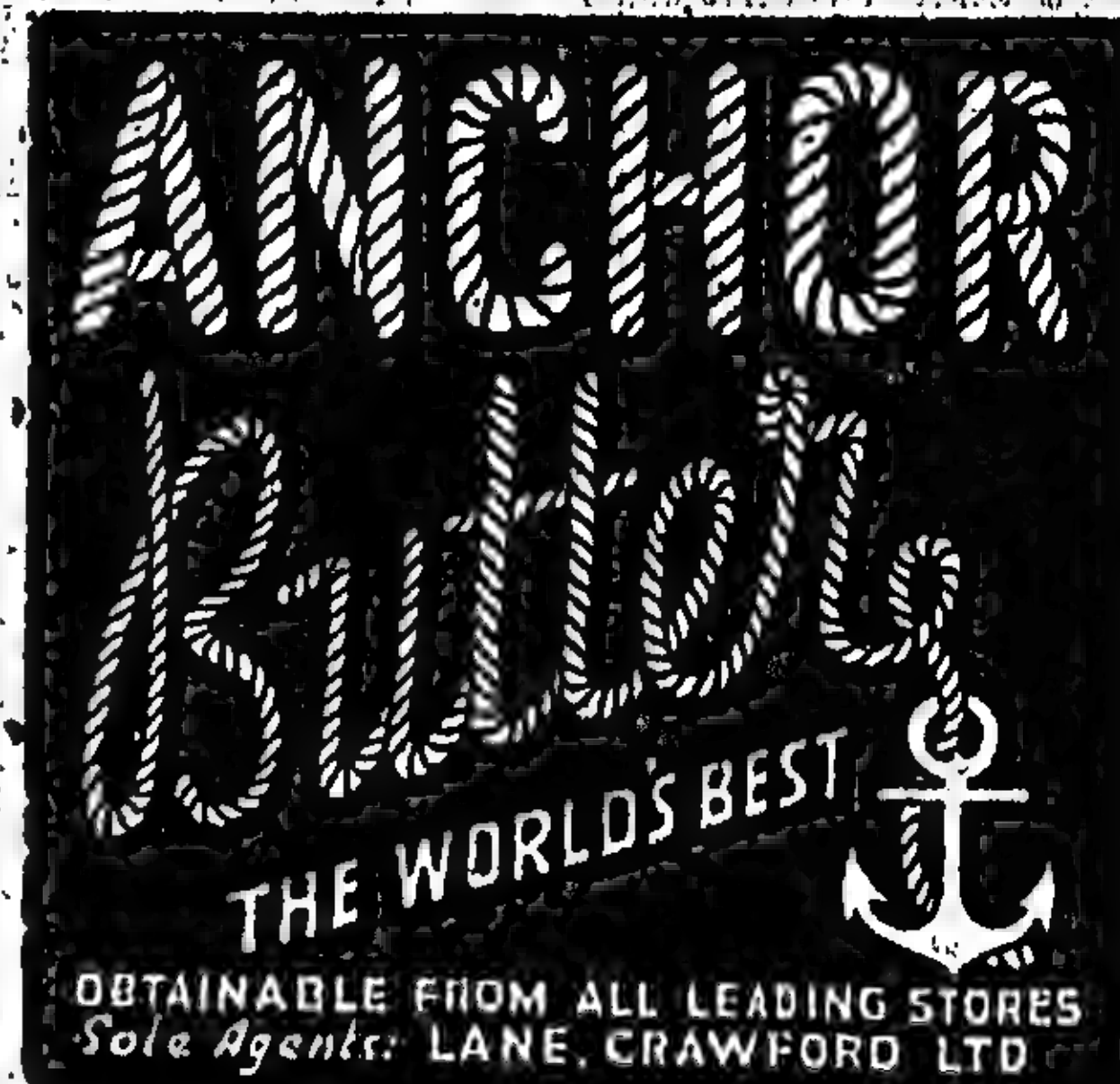
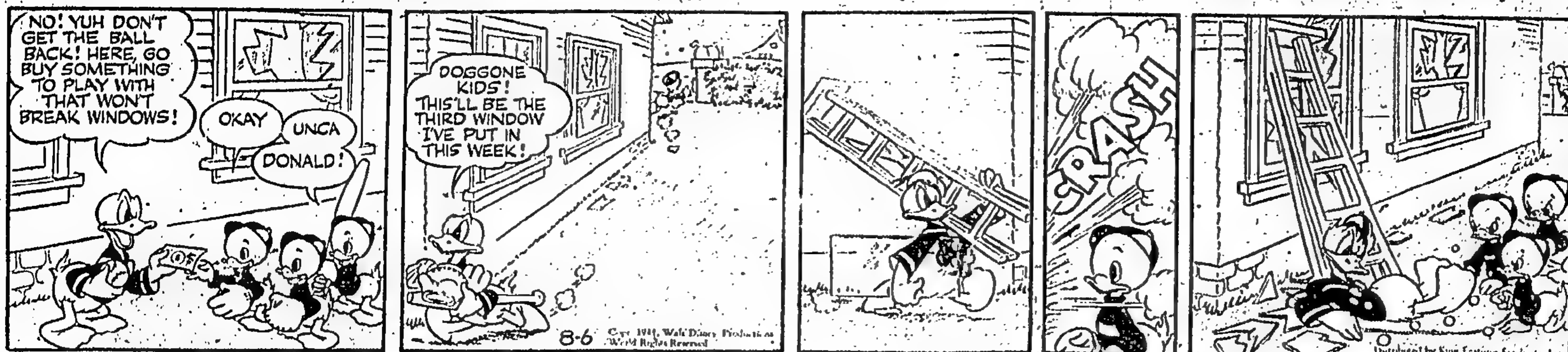
The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended: Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 5th September Sept. 17.
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DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play
AND
How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Difficult Decision

The question of whether to double non-vulnerable opponents or to go out for a vulnerable game of one's own is perhaps the most tantalizing problem that duplicate players have to face. Consider the following typical case:

Match-point duplicate.
East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

♠ K J 6 3
 ♥ J 10 8 6
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ 10 9 7
 ♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ A 2.

♠ A 10 9
 ♥ A Q 8 3
 ♦ J 8 6 4
 ♣ 2.

The bidding:
East South West North
1♥ 2♦ 2♥ 2♠

Under the vulnerability conditions, West has a very difficult decision to make when South overcalls with two diamonds. The trouble is that West must decide, then and there, whether there is a game in the hand for himself and partner. Because if there isn't, he must not lose the opportunity to double two diamonds! With an original bid by East, and a two diamond overcall by South West cannot expect any further bidding from the opponents, his own strength making such a contingency improbable. West can certainly expect to defeat a two diamond contract two tricks (300 points) and if his side can make no game, that 300 points will be greatly superior to any part-score that can be attained. If East-West were not vulnerable, the justifiable hope of defeating the opponents 500 points would make a double highly

attractive because, even if a game were in the hand for East-West, it would not count that much. The vulnerability of East-West, however, makes the decision a split-second one. West must be haunted by the fear that in doubling and accepting a penalty of 300 to 500 points he is abandoning a possible 600 odd points. Yet, for good and sound reasons, the double is the best choice. Surely West cannot pass. If he bids, he must choose between two hearts and two notrump, and neither is quite satisfactory. Two hearts, the strongest free raise West dare give, may not be strong enough to encourage East to bid again; two notrump may go wrong because of the lack of a spade stopper.

There is one other important factor: If West doubles, he does not conclusively abandon all chance for game, because East may choose to take out the double. But contrariwise, if West bids, he abandons all chance for a double. In the final analysis, it is this consideration that should induce West to double, rather than bid.

Tomorrow's Hand

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ A Q 7 6
 ♥ A Q 8
 ♦ J 10 8 7 2
 ♣ J 10 8 7 2
 ♠ K J 10 5
 ♥ K J 10 6 3
 ♦ K 10 8 4
 ♣ K 10 8 4 3.

How should South play his five club contract? Opening lead, diamond king.

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Raw Materials—Their Principal Uses

The widely known essential raw materials are these:

Iron, aluminium, copper, lead, tin, gold, silver, coal, oil, rubber, wheat and other grains, sugar, timber, cotton and other textile fibres, and electrical power resources.

No one—familiar with modern civilisation need be told why these materials are necessities for any nation. The use of most of them is an everyday occurrence.

However, a supplementary list can be compiled of what might be called less essential raw materials. Included are:

Manganese, nickel, mercury, zinc, chromium, antimony, cadmium, cobalt, iridium, molybdenum, palladium, strontium, thorium, titanium, tungsten, or wolfram, vanadium, sulphur, and artificial silk or rayon.

Now, a simple, agrarian, underdeveloped country might never need to complicate its economy with many of the articles on this less essential list. But, a highly industrialised modern nation, such as any of the world's great powers, would consider all the materials in both lists as "must-haves." If the economy of one such nation is to compete with that of others, the items not already possessed must be attained—by purchase, or exchange, or perhaps even by annexation or outright conquest.

Here is a short analysis of the uses of the less well known materials:

Manganese—When combined with steel as an alloy, manganese makes it extra tough and hard. Also makes steel free from air holes. An excellent alloy for "burglar-proof safes."

Nickel—A white, hard metal not tarnished even in moist air, nickel lends itself readily to the process of electroplating. Chief source: Province of Ontario, Canada.

Mercury—This is the only metal that is a liquid at ordinary temperatures. Familiar in thermometers and barometers. Spain, Italy, and the United States produce 95 per cent. of the world's supply.

Zinc—Forms brass when combined with copper. Used to galvanize steel or iron to prevent rust.

Chromium—As a coating for other metals, chromium

adheres better than nickel. It does not tarnish. As an alloy with nickel, it resists electricity and is widely used for electrical heating and cooking.

Cadmium—With bismuth, lead, and tin, cadmium forms Wood's metal which melts at moderately low temperatures. Thus, it is used as plugs in fire-prevention sprinkler systems.

Cobalt—Until recently, cobalt was noted for its uselessness. Now—as an alloy—it is useful in high-speed tools.

Iridium—One of the ingredients of electric light bulb filaments.

Molybdenum—Works wonders with steel. Used by Germans for lining their larger guns. Also good for rifle-barrels, propeller-shafts, wherever great strength is needed.

Palladium—Protects the surface of floodlight lenses against tarnishing.

Strontium—Comes from a village in Scotland called

Strontian. Makes a bright red fire for signal rockets and fireworks.

Thorium—Also used for electric light bulb filaments.

Titanium—Helps harden steel. Also is an ingredient of artificial fogs and smoke-screens.

Tungsten—Similar to molybdenum. Also used as a filament metal. Compounds useful for fireproof fabrics.

Vanadium—Gives steel elasticity combined with great tensile strength. Good for precision machines and moving parts.

Sulphur—Forms thousands of compounds, most of which are foul-smelling. Most important as ingredient of sulphuric acid, one of the most-used commercial reagents.

Rayon—Valuable as a replacement or substitute for silk and silk products.

Antimony—Alloys used in newspaper and printing offices for type metal. Also used as a compound in the vulcanisation of rubber.

GRIN AND BEAR IT . By Lichty



"Oh, cook anything you want to-day, honey—but what are we going to have to eat to-night?"

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10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.00 London—"Britain—To-day"

—Discussion.

11.15 Close Down.

Teetotaler Slips At Eighty

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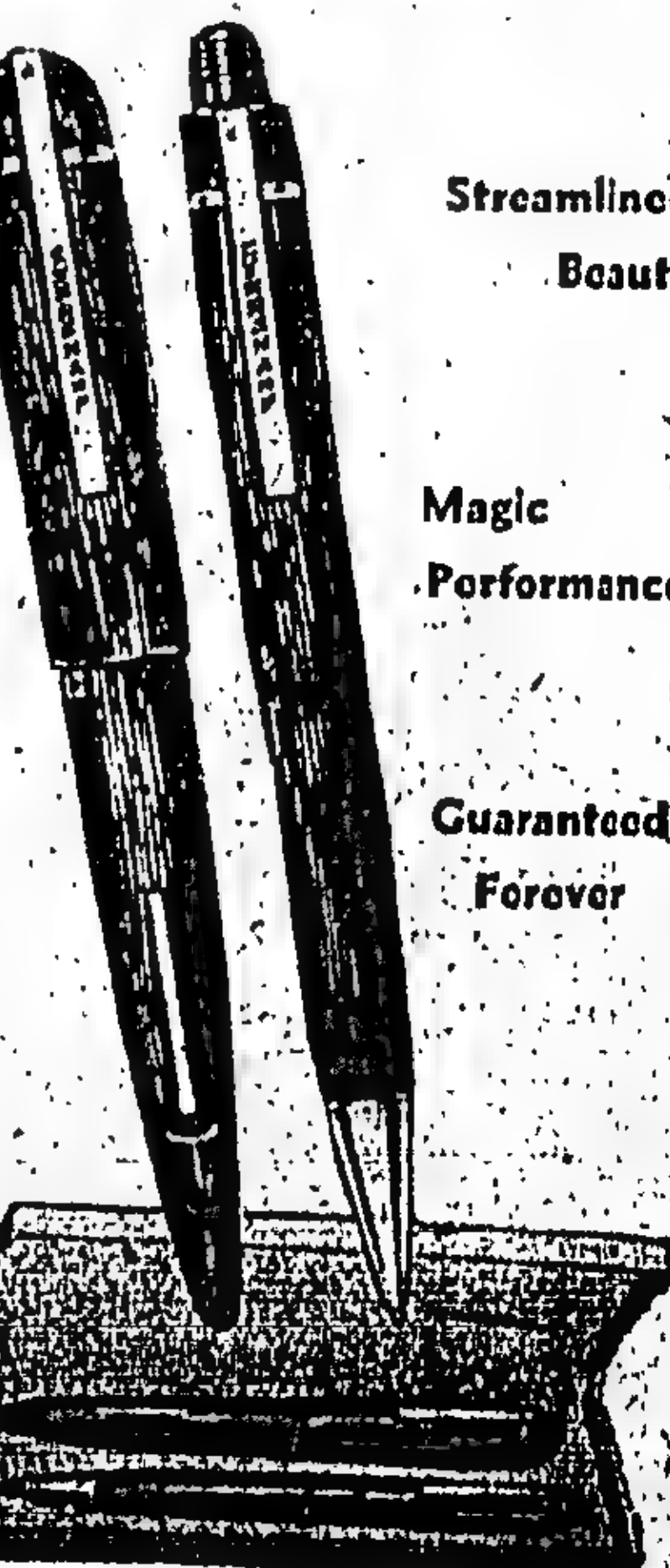


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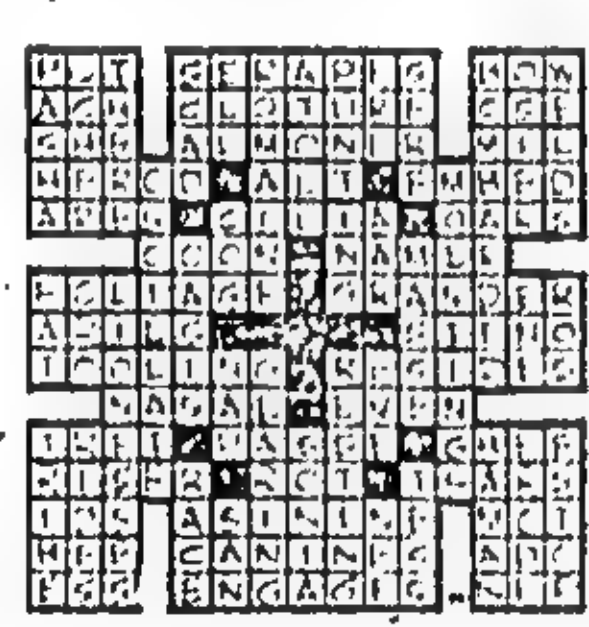
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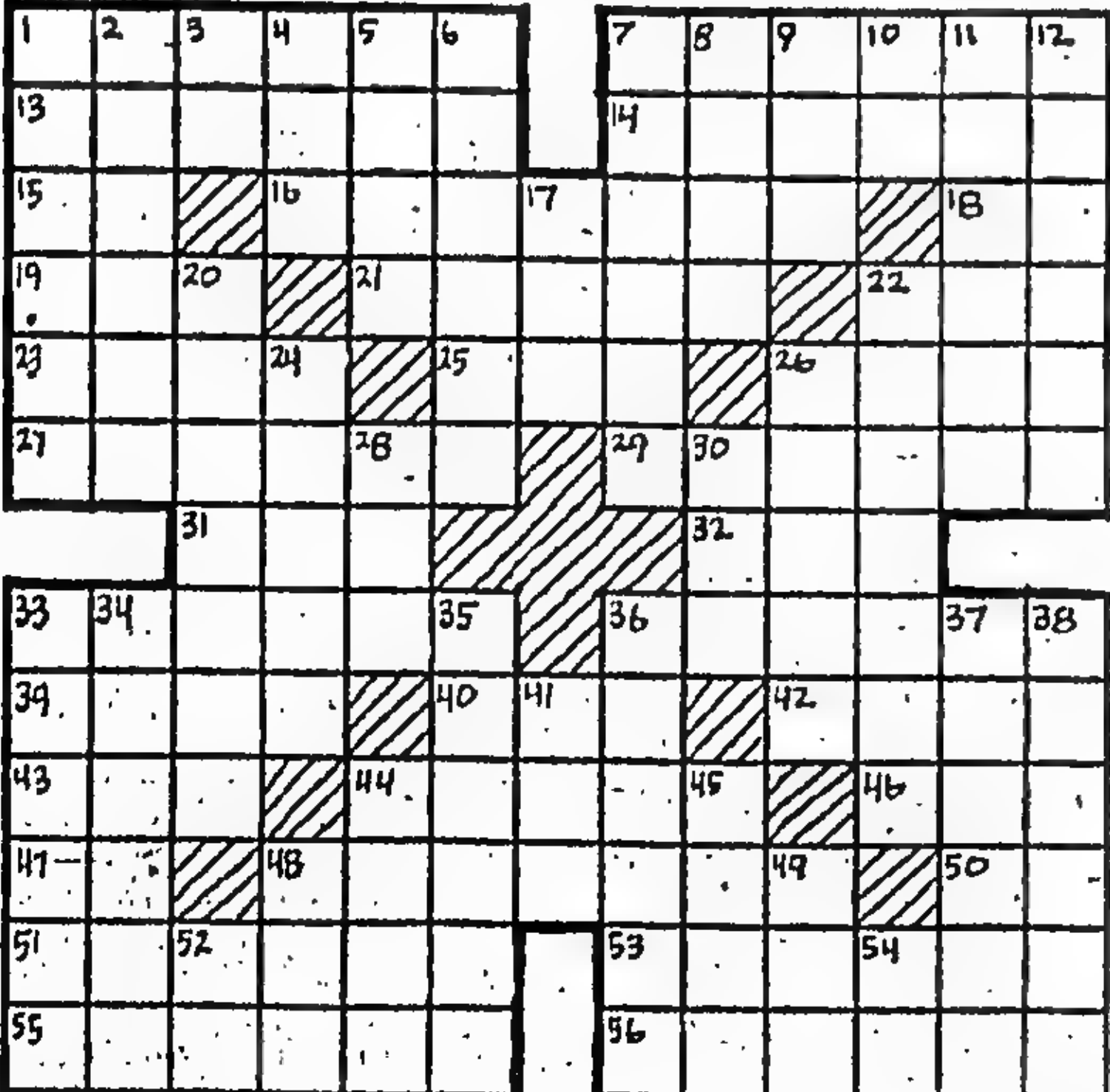
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- 1—Appraiser
- 2—Does without
- 3—Puzzle
- 4—Show display
- 5—Concerning
- 6—Rise of ground
- 7—Not out
- 8—Triple
- 9—Trove of seals
- 10—Belonging to it
- 11—Faintness
- 12—Widened name
- 13—English scientist
- 14—American
- 15—Hard substance
- 16—Pierced apart
- 17—Patriotic
- 18—Ancient Greek city
- 19—Go by again
- 20—Hue
- 21—Insect
- 22—Increase
- 23—Insect
- 24—Large mountain-lope
- 25—Spike of corn
- 26—Symbol for rare nonmetallic element resembling metal
- 27—Breakfast food



- 30—Last letter
- 31—Isotopes
- 32—Infection
- 33—Miseration
- 34—Morning prayers
- 35—Nickel



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AID FOR RUSSIA

THE announcement that a wing of
the Royal Air Force is already func-
tioning in Russia is good news. This
latest contribution to the Soviet
Union's war effort is perhaps the best
answer to those doubters who were
recently accused by Mr Churchill of
speaking "as though nothing were
being done" to supplement his
promise that Britain would assist
Russia as far as it lay in her power.
This aid would be given, though
it would mean a "definite re-
duction in military supplies from
America on which we had counted,"
he declared.

The arrival in Russia of a wing of
the Royal Air Force, significant as it
may be, by no means constitutes the
first or only step taken to assist
Britain's new Ally. Immediately
after the outbreak of hostilities a
military mission was sent to Moscow
and has been there ever since.
Figures, for obvious reasons, are
withheld, but it is a known fact that
large stocks of war materials have
already reached Russia. A combined
British and American economic
mission is also ready to go to the
U.S.S.R. in order to study the needs
and problems from the point of view
of raw materials. In the meantime
wool, rubber, jute, etc., are even now
arriving at Soviet ports, including a
not insignificant cargo of 8,000 tons
of tin.

The problem of maintaining a
continuous flow of supplies into the
Soviet Union is a very largely
upon the question of shipping. The
shortage of shipping space has been
acute for some months past and will
not be eased by the new demands
now being made. The lack of good
entry ports is another problem which
has to be overcome. Archangel in
the White Sea carries "unpleasant
memories of winter ice, and the
difficulties of transport from there to
the actual battle front during the
winter months, would be great in-
deed. The Vladivostok route means
that over 7,000 miles of railway must
be negotiated before the needed sup-
plies could be disposed of. There is
also the danger of this port becoming
choked by an accumulation of
material impossible to handle with
the inadequate transport facilities
offered by the Trans-Siberian rail-
way. The Persian Gulf route, now
available, appears to give the
greatest promise of utility. Report
has it that several points for disem-
barkation are available. It is
sufficiently near to Malaya and
India to give promise of good results,
and it is also here, as Mr Churchill
pointed out, "that American supplies
can be carried into the centre of
Russia in an ever-widening flow".
It is true that some 500 miles from
the Gulf across Iran to the Caspian
Sea have to be traversed before the
material actually reaches Russian
soil, but once on the Volga a steady
stream to every part of the front can
be maintained. This "stream" has
already started flowing, and with
Britain and America's recognition
that the Soviet needs must at all
costs be supplied, there is no fear
that any difficulties will be allowed
to hamper its course.

U.S. Has Right to Convoy Ships

By LORD STRABOLGI

WHEN the Lease-
Lend Bill was under
debate, an amendment was
defeated which would have
had the effect of preventing
American warships convoy-
ing American merchant
ships. The State Depart-
ment was on strong ground
here, as the right of a neu-
tral state during war to
convoy its own merchant
ships under guard of its
own warships is well recog-
nised in International law.

The modern idea that all
international law is abro-
gated in wartime is errone-
ous and this is particularly
true in regard to oceans.
The high seas are the high-
ways of all nations and neu-
trals have every right to use
them.

Returning to the right to
convoy: The controversy
has existed in regard to it
for nearly 300 years. While
recognising the right, suc-
cessive British governments
have claimed the privilege
of making certain that con-
voyed neutral merchant
ships did not carry contra-
band or members of armed
forces of their opponents.

In 1918, during the World
War, the Dutch Govern-
ment proposed to convoy
Dutch merchant ships to the
East Indies. The British
Government admitted the
right to convoy but claimed
the right to search, in order
to make sure that these
merchant vessels were not
engaged in enemy trade.

The Continental doctrine,
which has been stoutly main-
tained by Germany, is that the
captain of the conveying war-
ship makes himself responsible
that merchant ships in his
charge are not carrying goods
or persons rendering them liable
to seizure, and no right to in-
spect merchant ships can be
claimed. The American Govern-
ment, therefore, would be with-
in its full rights in conveying its
own merchant ships. This is
beyond dispute.

This recognised principle also
applies to the Vichy govern-
ment, if Admiral Darlan's pro-
posal to escort French merchant
ships is put into practice. The
British Government would only
be following its own precedents
in claiming the right to visit
and search French cargo ships
so convoyed. There exists am-
ple precedents for neutral con-
voys and belligerent rights.

In 1653, England and Holland
were at war. Queen Christina
of Sweden ordered her warships
to convoy merchant vessels un-
der the Swedish flag and de-
clared they were not to be
searched. This declaration was
not accepted by the English.
The 1654 Peace of Westminster
put an end to the controversy.

The Dutch in their turn
claimed the right to convoy
their merchant ships, and after
much controversy agreed that
papers should be carried aboard
the conveying man-of-war and
exhibited to any English cruiser
intercepting the convoy. If the
papers showed that contraband
was included in the cargoes, the
vessels concerned might be
seized.

The same principle exists in
thirteen treaties concluded be-
tween the United States and
various other powers, including
the American treaty with Italy
of 1870. That is to say, the
Italians agreed that when the
United States is neutral in a war
wherein Italy is a belligerent,
Italian cruisers will accept as-
surances of the captain of a
conveying American warship
that his charges are not carry-
ing contraband.

Naval regulations were of-
ficially issued before the present
war by Germany and Italy that
commanders of German and
Italian cruisers be directed to
accept assurance of neutral con-

voying officers as to the inno-
cence of neutral ships in their
charge.

What the German warships
will not have the right to do and
what they never had the right
to do, is to attack merchant
ships of any nationality,
whether under convoy or sailing
independently, without the re-
cognised formalities of visit and
search.

The right of American or any
other neutral government to
convoy its own merchant ships
is undoubted and any departure
from the recognised procedure
by German or Italian warships
towards such convoy would be
an act of hostility. Even if
American merchant ships were
laden with weapons of war or
aeroplanes, formalities of visit
and search would have to be ob-
served.

BENITO'S NEW JOB?

By Billiken



According to press reports, Axis winter plans are believed
to include the supply of cold-weather clothing for their
forces in Russia.

NAZI CONQUEST OF ROME

This article, describing conditions in Rome
with the Nazis in full control, is by the "New
Yorker's" correspondent in the Italian capital,
whose identity must be concealed under the
initials "J.S."

THE Germans, as you
have perhaps already
suspected, are getting into
the Italians' hair. There
are Nazis to right, and
Nazis to left—from 15,000
to 25,000 of them in Rome
alone, counting both the
smartly-dressed military
and the civilians in their
ersatz mufti.

Uniformed Nazis, "hail-
ing" one another from table
to table, crowd such popu-
lar restaurants and cafes as
Alfredo's, the Fagiano, Ber-
ardo's and Rosati's on the
Via Veneto. Italians still
frequent these places, but
they do not like their guests.
For one thing, the Germans
are using their "tourist
marks," which are worth
what Hitler says they are,
to buy up the little that the
stores have left to offer; for
another, next to being
bombed by the British, the
Italians' greatest fear is
that this is the beginning of
a thoroughgoing occupation
of their country by Berlin.
Judging from the rumours
one hears, there are a quar-
ter of a million German
troops, more or less, in Italy
to-day.

Not Yet Bombed

WHATEVER their num-
bers, the Nazis are
running everything here right
now. Their first job upon tak-
ing over was to teach the Italian
Anti-Aircraft Corps how to
shoot. The Fascist gunners had
been having a terrible time of
it. They did not know how to
set the fuses of their shells or
otherwise get along with their
equipment, and they were being
mained and killed at an alarm-
ing rate by the bullets going the
wrong way! The German in-
structors have done a good deal
to cut down these casualties, at
least in practice drills. Whether
or not their lessons will be re-
membered under the trying con-
ditions of a real air raid re-
mains to be seen. Rome has
yet to be bombed.

The Italians dread an air
raid, and with reason. The
Government has done practi-
cally nothing about protecting
its citizens from such an at-
tack, and it is easy to believe
that if Rome were heavily
bombed, there would be a fear-
ful panic.

Some people here are also
convinced that an all-out British
raid would be followed by a
stampede to the ranks of the
ever-enlarging group of active
anti-Fascists.

At the beginning of the war
there was much bustle over the
building of air-raid shelters, and
when the excitement subsided
Rome had a number of them—
all made of wood! They were
simply shacks propped up
against walls, and one of the
first things the Nazis did after
arriving was to condemn them
as useless and order them to be
torn down.

Paper Sandbags

ABOUT six months ago,
when the Romans were
still trying to manage their own
affairs, it was decided that the
famous Galleria Colonna, with
its arcades, shops and cafes,
would make an admirable com-
munity shelter, and Mussolini's
W.P.A. (Works Progress Ad-
ministration, which provides
work for the unemployed) set
about fixing it up as one.

First came carpenters who
put down wooden floors and
built a lot of wooden partitions
and benches; they were followed
by wagon-load after wagon-
load of sandbags which were
piled up around the outside and
looked very impressive except
that they were made of paper.
Just before the place was to
open for inspection it occurred
to someone that paper would
not last long in the spring rains
and there was a delay while the
carpenters came back and put
up wooden walls to protect the
sandbags.

The walls were more than the
Fascist propagandists could re-
sist and there was a further wait
while the signboard men went
about the premises pasting up
about the shelter signs appeared, the
shelter was opened and hundreds of
Romans, who had been given to
understand that this was to be
one of the city's finest shelters,
streamed eagerly in from the
Corso Umberto to look around.

Crazy Maze

THEY found a crazy
maze of wooden corri-
dors, twisting this way
and that with no apparent purpose,
and usually winding up in a
dead end, and it was not long
before one began to hear jokes
about people getting lost in the
Galleria.

The reaction of the Nazi ex-
perts to Rome's best effort in
cat-without warning

the way of shelters was dis-
couraging to the local authori-
ties. When the Germans arrived
they ripped out all of the corri-
dors and benches, and removed
the disintegrating sandbags,
leaving nothing of the Fascist
handiwork except the outside
walls and the posters. About
the only Fascist air raid pre-
parations with which the Nazis
have seemed to be satisfied are
the strips of paper pasted on the
store windows to keep glass
from flying around in the event
of bombs falling nearby.

The Germans may not have
much faith in these strips, but
they admire the taste of the
Italian shopkeepers who have
arranged them to form swastika-
like and to spell out "Viva Il
Duce," "Der Fuehrer."

Can't Get Rubber

NOW that the Galleria has
been stripped of most
of its war-time trimmings it is
again possible to see the show
window of the Fiat establish-
ment there. Of three magnifi-
cent automobiles lined up in it
for public inspection, one, a
black sedan with red wheels, is
particularly attractive, and, by
American standards, reasonably
priced. A neatly lettered sign
beside it on the showroom floor
reads "Prezzo 30,180 lire senza
gomme," which means that
since the lire is still worth five
cents, that car is yours for 1,509
dollars. It also means that the
car is yours without tyres, and
here's the hitch for you simply
cannot buy a new tyre in Italy
to-day. You cannot even get
an inner tube patched unless
you can supply the garage man
with the necessary morsel of
rubber, and some people are
finding that their old hot water
bottles come handy for this pur-
pose.

There is not much incentive
to own a car, anyway, for you
are allowed only five gallons of
gasoline per month (at one
dollar 25 cents per gallon) and
you cannot operate it after 10
o'clock in the evening, which is
when you might want it most as
public conveyances are hard to
find at night.

Some people are buying auto-
mobiles and putting them up on
jacks, looking towards the time
when the war will be over.
There is little else in which to
invest money these days and
there is always a chance that
the car will increase in value if,
dead end, and it was not long
before one began to hear jokes
about people getting lost in the
Galleria.

Of course, any purchaser
might be prepared to have the
Government commander his
parts to Rome's best effort in
cat-without warning

President Going Too Far Says Mr Hoover

CHICAGO, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The view that Hitler will collapse as the result of his own over-reaching and that the United States should become the bulwark of freedom at home was expressed by Mr Herbert Hoover, in a radio address to the American nation.

"The President's policy of edging our warships into danger zones and sending American merchant ships with contraband are steps to war not approved by Congress and not in accord with the spirit of a representative government," he added.

Containing that neither isolation nor intervention was wise or possible for America, Mr Hoover asserted that the United States should follow a constructive policy of building an impenetrable defence and a bulwark of freedom at home and reserve its strength to help in reconstruction and stabilising peace "when Hitler collapses as the result of his own over-reaching."

Threat To Hitler
England, he declared, could prevent invasion "if we give her tools and even warships without sending our boys to death either in ships or on land. Hitler is on the way to be crushed by victorious forces within his own regime."

Mr Hoover said that the way to spread the ideals of the western world was by example of "our own country as it had been proved by bitter experience that it is futile for us to impose freedom and justice upon the world by force."

Forced Into War
NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (Reuter).— "Events of the last few days strongly indicate" that war may be forced on the United States, announced Mr Ralph Bard, American Assistant Secretary to the Navy, addressing envoys of the Training Ship "Prairie State."

Mr Bard said that German submarines were coming over closer to American shores, and that four-engine bombers had sunk ships within a few miles of the Western Hemisphere.

"The possibilities of attack, which were scoffed at a year ago are viewed with apprehension to-day," he said.

MR HULL HEARS VICHY'S VIEWS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (UP).—M. Henry-Haye, the French Ambassador conferred with Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State to-day and discussed pending Franco-American topics.

The Ambassador later said that he had presented the Vichy view on various questions and he expected to have further conversations.

Gallant Czechs' Undercover War

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Eleven mysterious accidents occurred in Czechoslovakia during the latter part of July, according to news reaching authoritative Czech circles here.

An ammunition train from the famous Skoda armaments works has also blown up.
Over 200 officers and men of the German Army were killed in one accident.

Mass destruction of crops at night time in Slovakia has led to the imposition of curfew covering all grainfields.

U. S. Defence Bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives to-day approved the bill of a vote compromise version of the Defence Tax Bill, thus clearing the way for final action to-morrow by the Senate.

LORD HALIFAX VIVID PICTURE OF U. S. AID

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The present crisis is proving just how immense the industrial capacity of America is and at the end of the war this is going to be decisive, declared Lord Halifax in an interview broadcast to-night.

Lord Halifax gave a glowing account of American aid as he had seen it in 20,000 miles of travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, from Georgia to New England and to the Middle West.

Describing his visit to the Pacific coast, Lord Halifax said: "I spoke to the workers in their dinner hour in every shipyard and aircraft factory I visited—it did me good to meet men and women who are actually doing the job and it is fascinating to watch America's great industrial machine getting geared up for war production."

"In California I saw a great shipyard where six months before there was only a vast mud flat. A 10,000-ton cargo ship had already been launched from the yard. From then, the middle of August, a new ship was to be launched every three weeks until the contract was completed.

"Night and day the hammers clang without ceasing up and down, the two great seaboard rivers are being driven home, the ships are moving down the ways."

Self-Defence

"Remember that the manufacturing of all this is America's own self-defence. But at the same time every man or woman at vital war production realises that he or she is helping to keep us fed, our factories supplied with material and weapons to be placed in our hands for use against the common enemy."

It was the same story in the aircraft industry, said Lord Halifax. "Vast factories seemed to spring up from the very ground; production

JAPANESE FAIL IN N. HUNAN

CHUNGKING, Sept. 16 (Central News).—Japanese attempts to dislodge the Chinese from their raiding bases in the Tsyun Mountains in northern Hunan near the Hupé border have ended in dismal failure after costing them some 2,400 casualties, according to the Chinese military spokesman.

The Japanese on September 7 launched a "mopping up" drive with two pincers closing in on the mountain and severe fighting lasted till September 11. During the five days, the battle was waged within a radius of 95 kilometres. The Japanese threw more than 20,000 men into the fray.

The Chinese staged counter-attacks on both the front and the flanks, finally forcing the Japanese to withdraw to their bases at Taolin and Chungfang south of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

The Tsyun Mountains is now completely in Chinese hands, again, the spokesman said.

Puppets Surrender

LOYANG, Sept. 16 (Central News).—More than 30,000 puppet troops under the command of Liu Chan-yi in northern Hunan have surrendered the Japanese and joined the Chinese forces. It was officially announced here yesterday.

Taking advantage of the inspection of his troops by the Japanese on September 11, Liu led his men to attack the Japanese, killing one colonel and one major, both advisers to the puppet troops. More than 50 Japanese officers of the inspection party were taken prisoner.

Meanwhile, Liu's troops recaptured Wenhshien in the northern Hunan near the Shansi border on the following day.

GERMANS SHOOT HOSTAGES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Sept. 16 (UP).—Ten hostages who were shot by the Germans included five Communists and five Jews all of whom were arrested by the German police during the recent anti-German street disorders, chiefly at St Denis Gate three weeks ago, when 150 persons were arrested.

This forenoon, while the Germans were shooting the ten hostages in Paris, unknown persons shot at two German non-Commissioned officers, one of whom was wounded and the other unhurt.

Hamburg Deluged With Bombs

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—It was announced to-day that a great load of high explosive bombs was dropped on the Hamburg docks and several industrial districts last night which caused fires of great size.

200 Planes Over Germany
LONDON, Sept. 16 (British Wireless).—Over 200 aircraft of the Bomber Command were engaged in last night's operations over Germany and occupied territory.

BOMBAY, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The total number of prisoners of war in India has now been announced as about 7,500 officers and 22,000 men.

Leningrad Talks To London

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Leningrad and London are now talking on the air. In response to the Londoners' message broadcast a few days ago, Leningrad Radio to-day responded: "Listen, people of London; this is Leningrad calling. We thank you warmly for your greetings. We admire your courageous airmen, soldiers and sailors in fighting our common enemy—Nazi Germany."

"We shall ruthlessly avenge the innocent blood of the peaceful inhabitants of London, Coventry, Plymouth, Liverpool, Warsaw, Moscow and Leningrad."

"The people of Leningrad are fighting the Fascist hordes with determination and fortitude. Your voice of friendship coming from the battlefield inspires us to new resistance till final victory."

London will talk to Leningrad through the B.B.C.

Jewish Declaration

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—"In this struggle against barbarism, the Jewish community in Britain, as indeed the Jews of all free and free-loving countries, are greatly encouraged by the fact that the Jewish population of Russia, together with their fellow citizens of the Soviet Union, have whole-heartedly joined us."

The President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Professor Selig Brodetsky, makes this declaration in replying to a message received from a Jewish rally held in Moscow.

Nazi-Finnish Claims

Still Closing In On Undaunted Leningrad

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Wormsö Island, situated between Dagoe and Oesel in the Baltic Sea off the Estonian coast, has been captured by the Germans, according to Berlin reports quoted by Swedish correspondents in the German capital.

The Finns claim to have broken the Russian resistance in the province of Olonez although admitting that numerous pockets of Russian troops are still holding out. The Swedish correspondents, adding that the Finns state that the marshy tract on both sides of the marshy tract while the Russians are feverishly improving their defences at Petroskoi.

Further German reports quoted by Swedish correspondents say that Finnish batteries are now bombarding Leningrad, whose air defences have been penetrated at many points and that a ring of 15 or 20 kilometres from the centre is almost complete around the city.

These correspondents say that the Germans claim that the thrust in the south over Keretov and Kremenchug is designed to cut off Kiev and to encircle an area as large as Saxony.

Supper Carnival At Ritz

The committee organising the Supper Carnival at the Ritz, Quarry Bay, on Friday, September 19, have announced that a special charge of two dollars will be made after supper, from 11.30 p.m. onwards. The Carnival opens at 7 p.m., and it is expected that swimming and roller skating will prove as popular as dancing and miniature golf. Proceeds are being devoted to the Society for the Protection of Children, at whose disposal Mr Charles Gray has generously made the Ritz available for the event.

Time Bomb Explodes In Shanghai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Sept. 16 (UP).—Two days prior to the tenth anniversary of the Mukden Incident, a time bomb exploded to-day in the operating room of the Japanese owned Central China Telecommunications which took over the Chungking Government's radio station in the Cathay Hotel, damaging equipment and halting the flow of radiograms to the whole world for an hour. There were no casualties.

One Chinese Injured

SHANGHAI, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A time bomb exploded late last night just outside the offices of the Japanese-controlled International radio office situated on the first floor of the Cathay Hotel.

Despite a terrific explosion, which blasted several doors on the same floor and smashed numerous windows, to smithereens, only one Chinese was slightly injured by falling glass.

The explosion is reported to have caused considerable damage to the radio company's transmitting sets and slight damage to a British-owned radio station which is on the same floor.

Pope To Intervene Reports, Denied

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 16 (UP).—Mr Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, to-day denied the report which was circulating in Japanese circles that the Pope and Mr Taylor had discussed the possibility of the Pope extending his good offices for the establishment of harmonious relations between Japan and the United States for the purpose of assuring peace in the Pacific.

His Excellency Sir Mark Young, K.C.M.G., has shown his interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign being waged in Hongkong by honouring the Association with his patronage.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	460
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	10 1/2
T.T. India	8 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	49 1/2
T.T. Batavia	40 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	148
T.T. Saigon	108
T.T. France	107
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	—

De Gaulle Returns To London

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, has returned to London after a five months' absence.

During his absence, he visited Syria following the Armistice with the Vichy authorities there, and on his way back, passed through Cairo and Brazzaville, centre of Free French Equatorial Africa.

Gorilla For Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt accepted "in the fine spirit in which it was offered" the gift of an enormous gorilla from the Free French authorities in French Equatorial Africa as a symbol of the ferocity of their fight against Nazism.

General de Larnat, offering the gorilla which is en route to the United States, wrote "we are not the largest but we hope we are the most ferocious group of fighting men engaged in the struggle taking place to-day."

The gorilla is described as the largest and "we believe the most ferocious gorilla" ever sent from Africa.

OBITUARY

Envoy And Refugee

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Mr Alan Bigelow Houghton, who was Ambassador to Britain from 1925 to 1929 and for three years before that was Ambassador to Germany.

Sir Henry Crump
LISBON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Sir Henry Ashbrooke Crump, died of a heart attack at the English-hospital here to-day.

Sir Henry was formerly in the Indian Civil Service and had retired to Alassio, Italy. He came to Portugal recently as a refugee.

Sir Isadore Salmon

LONDON, Sept. 16 (British Wireless).—The death of Sir Isadore Salmon was announced to-day.

Sir Isadore, who was Chairman and Managing Director of the great catering firm of Lyons and Co., was M.P. for Harrow and had a distinguished public career, serving on many Royal Commissions and Committees.

He was hon. catering adviser to the War Office and it was on the basis of his report, made in 1938, that the great Army cooking organisation, under which 96 centres have trained 60,000 cooks, was built up.

Ex-Governor of Sinkiang

CHUNGKING, Sept. 16 (Central News).—Gen. Chin Shu-Jen, 62, ex-Governor of Sinkiang from 1928 to 1933, and one of the most colourful figures in the early National Government days, died in Lanchow on September 12.

In 1933 he was arrested on charges of maladministration and was tried in Nanking for the illegal conclusion of a commercial treaty with Soviet Russia. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in 1934 but was pardoned the following year.

Since then General Chin lived in retirement in Lanchow.

CAIRO AIR RAID

CAIRO, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Thirty-nine people were killed and 38 were injured when the Cairo area was raided early this morning, it was officially reported.

Clark Kerr Flying To Singapore

CHUNGKING, Sept. 16 (Central News).—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, left here this morning by plane for Rangoon en route to Singapore. Sir Archibald is expected to be back in Chungking in three weeks.

Maharajah In Egypt

CAIRO, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Indian troops to the Western Desert were inspected to-day by the Maharajah of Bahawalpore.

Previously the Maharajah was received by King Farouk. He was accompanied to the Palace and introduced to the King by the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson.

Upstarts' Sentence On Queen

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has had all her property seized by the German occupation authorities in Holland.

The order of seizure applies also to all property belonging to living members of the House of Orange-Nassau, states a Hague dispatch to the German news agency.

Confiscation is based on a decree dealing with persons who foster anti-German sentiments.

In one announcement issued by the Reich Commissioner, it is stated that "former Queen Wilhelmina has excluded herself from the unity of new Europe by her persistence in adhering to the Bolshevik-Capitalist front."

Terrific Fire Of New U. S. Fighters

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—"Two new developments which are just around the corner will add immeasurably to the striking power of American fighting planes," writes the "Wall Street Journal" to-day.

One is the 20-millimetre gun which will fire from the wing of the plane instead of through the propeller and the other is a fire control device which will permit the use of range-finders in aeroplanes together with centralised control for multi-turret planes.

This is a radical departure from orthodox armament practice. Because of greater recoil and heavier mountings, wing cannon have not been used until now.

"The Lansing Michigan Oldsmobile Works division of General Motors Corporation is starting production on a \$3,000,000 order of these Hispano-Suiza rapid-fire cannon. The firing rate is 575 shells per minute."

According to the device, fire-power development is a device perfected by the Fairchild Aviation Corporation. "It is a fire-control apparatus providing automatic range calculation and control of a large number of movable guns and will be applicable to machine-guns as well as cannon," the journal says.

Decade Since Mukden

Meeting To-morrow

To-morrow being the tenth anniversary of the Mukden Incident which led to the Japanese occupation of the three northeastern provinces in 1931, Chinese residents here will hold a meeting in observance of the occasion at the King's Theatre at 10 a.m.

Mr Yeh Kung-cho, former Minister of Communications will preside, while Admiral Chan Chak and Dr Li-Ying-lam, President of Lingnan University, have been invited to speak.

Panamanians Will Seek Indemnity

PANAMA, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The Panamanian Government have instructed their Minister in Berlin to present a formal protest to the German Government regarding the sinkings of the steamships Sessa and Montana, advising him to claim indemnity.

A decision in this regard was taken at this morning's Cabinet session.

Pres. Roosevelt To Be Host

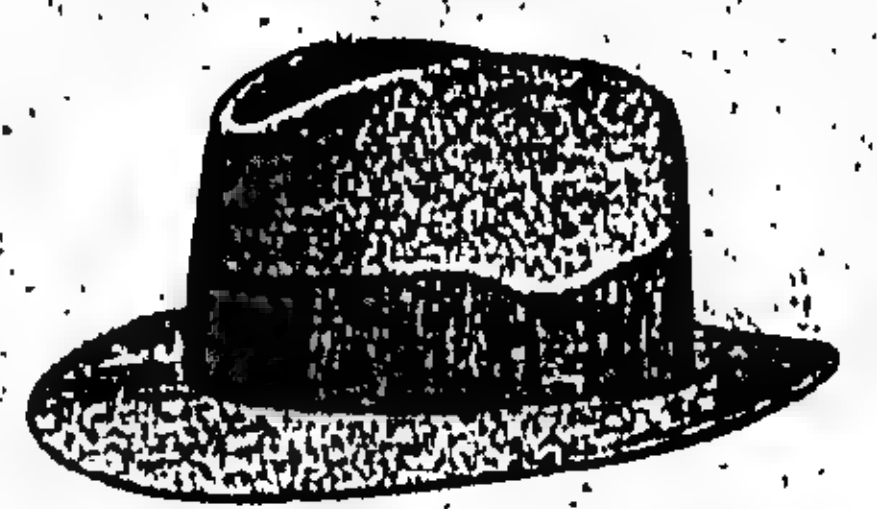
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (UP).—President Roosevelt will be host at an informal luncheon to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor on September 25 when the latter pass through Washington en route to their ranch in Canada.

Mr Stephen Early, the President's Secretary said that the meeting would be on the basis of the President's long acquaintance with the Duke of Windsor.

Syrian Republic Lives Again

DAMASCUS, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—General Catroux, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French forces in the Levant, acting in the name of the Allies, has restored the Syrian Republic, vesting it with authority.

This is in accordance with the promise made by the Allies when the British and Free French forces entered Syria to stop German activities there.



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Around The Courses

Peculiarities Of Players And Clubs

Brother Batteries In Baseball

BROTHER BATTERIES in the major leagues are something of a rarity, but it begins to look as though the Cooper boys, Mort and Walker, are destined to give the St. Louis Cardinals such a combination for some time to come. Walker, the catcher, came up from Columbus to join his older brother and is rated one of the freshman finds of the current campaign.

The Cooper boys first teamed up back in Atherton, Mo., but did not work together as a battery in professional baseball until late in 1938 at Houston, Texas.

Mort scored a 6-0 shut-out at the expense of Tulsa on that occasion, and history repeated itself when the pair was reunited on the closing day of last season as members of the Cardinals.

That day, Mort beat the Chicago Cubs by the same score—6-0. The father of the boys, Robert Cooper, was a fine semi-pro pitcher in his youth and might have won big league fame had he not decided to settle down to a job as a rural mail carrier and be content with raising a family.

Encouraged At School

WALKER can thank one of his school teachers in Atherton, one Frances Montgomery, for the decision that made him a catcher.

Miss Montgomery, who helped conduct athletics in the Atherton Junior high school in addition to her teaching duties, took one look at the husky Walker and handed him a catcher's pads and glove.

Mort was the star pitcher on the team and Walker jumped at the chance to work with his brother.

The catcher of the Cooper family, a big fellow, stands 6-foot-3 and weighs close to 200 pounds. He caught 130 games in the American Association last season and batted .302. His big bat has helped win several games for his brother this season.

Mort likes to work with his brother behind the plate. Last season he won 11 games for the Cardinals. He is 27, one year older than Walker.

With the flying start he has made this season, it would not be at all surprising to see him crash the magic circle of 20-game winners.

"Y" Hockey Practice

The Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will hold their first hockey practice match on the "Y" ground, King's Park, on Saturday, September 20 at 4 p.m.

Players are requested to take along both Club and White shirts.



ARMS AND THE MAN—Bob Feller's mighty pitching arm seems fit enough to tote a Garand rifle, judging from report by Dr. Michael Geraci, left, who examined the ace hurler. He'll probably be deferred until baseball season is over.

International Rivalry At Marbles!

LONDON, Sept.—Although international sport has suffered severely in these War days, the presence in Great Britain of sportsmen from various parts of the world has in other cases added to the friendly rivalry.

The Inter-Allied services football Cup event was highly successful and there is now news that members of the Canadian and Newfoundland forces will give a touch of international rivalry to the Marbles championship.

Marbles may not be one of the premier sports, but its championship traditions go back 300 years at the Greyhound Inn, Tinsley Green, Sussex.

Tinsley Green have been champions many times, but when last held,

the title went to a team of busmen from nearby Crawley. It is surprising how "deadly" a shot is a real marbles exponent. Killing flies on a wall at a range of several yards with the expert "flick" of the marble is no rarity.

Eton's Playing Fields

The idea of baseball being played on the playing fields of Eton may cause some turning in the graves of old Etonians but Canadian soldiers produced this state of affairs when, following a Bren gun carrier demonstration, they remained to play a few innings.

The shock of baseball on the famous playing fields was not so much a surprise as were the cries of "Well-played, sir," "Attaboy," which soon issued from the mouths of top-hatted Etonians who were not long in picking up the rules of the game.

Major Baseball

Brooklyn Beaten By Cincinnati

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (UP).—Brooklyn Dodgers succumbed 3-4 to Cincinnati Reds in an 11-innings struggle in the National Baseball League to-day, but have still a three-game lead over St. Louis Cardinals in the battle for the pennant.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	B.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	3	6	1
Batteries—Kimball, Hamlin, Higbee; Owen, Franks.			
Cincinnati	4	12	4
Batteries—E. Riddle, Degus, Starr; Lombardi.			
Eleven innings were played.			
Boston	0	15	4
Batteries—Javery; Masi.			
Chicago	5	12	1
Batteries—Caseau, Cornick, Quinn; Haffensberger; Scheffing.			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	B.	H.	E.
St. Louis	15	3	3
Batteries—Niggling; Kramer, McKain; Trotter; Ferrell.			
Philadelphia	5	10	1
Batteries—Jesse; Bradley, C. Harris; Shirley; Fowler; Wagner.			
Twelve innings were played.			
Detroit	4	5	1
Batteries—Lowe; Newsum; Tebbetts.			
Washington	2	8	0
Batteries—Chase, Carrasquel; Evans.			
All other games were played on former dates.			

Athletics To Celebrate Emperor's Birth

TOKYO, Sept. 16 (Domel).—The Twelfth National Athletic Meet, dedicated to the Meiji Shrine will be held at the Shrine Stadium in Tokyo from October 31 to November 3, the National Festival of the birth of Emperor Meiji.

In addition to usual athletic events, the meet will be featured by new events designed to train in the art of national defence, while table tennis, hockey, weight-lifting and ball-passing will be abolished this year.

The Ministry of Public Welfare has permitted the Central China Athletic Association to send its delegates to the meet. Arrangements for the organization of the Central China team are being made through the Foreign Office.

Whippy Shafts In The Hands Of Hitters

Chinese Caddie Eulogised

(By "Birdie")

THE HIGH WIND of the week-end and the past few days has made golf interesting to say the least. But it is a great teacher, for nothing accentuates the slightest slice or hook as much as hitting into the wind. The ball carrens round in most graceful parabolas, and if the shot is hard enough it will end by running almost at right-angles to the proper direction.

It is a great test, too, of judgment, for this is an important part in the make-up of a good player. The estimation of distances, however, is best improved by playing on as many different courses as possible.

At Kowloon, for instance, the hills and generally confined space makes it a far simpler job to judge the length to the hole than it is at the Country Club, Sheungshui, say, where the ground is flatter and more open.

It was only a little while ago I was playing with a Kowloon member at the Country Club, and on the second hole, which is long and flatish, he was stumped when it came to making his second shot. It was really a No. 7 shot, but he was toying with the idea of using his No. 5! And he wasn't a weak hitter.

On a flat course, distances are inclined to be exaggerated in perspective.

But talking of slices, one of the most touching sights is that of an out-and-out hitter, using very whippy clubs. He smiles from the top with such terrible force that the clubhouse never has a chance of catching up with the hands, and the ball shoots off in the direction of mid-off with a glorious slice that ends up around cover-point.

For him, unless he re-models his swing (!), must always be the stiff-shafted clubs.

Golf is a two-handed game, and the right plays its part, but it is a delayed action, coming into use only after the club has been brought down by the left into the hitting position—which is about a foot or so behind the ball.

From there the right makes itself apparent in providing the acceleration of the clubhead through the moment of hitting the ball.

Your center has invariably the palm grip. That is, it is clutched against the palms of the hands. The other extreme is the player who relies solely on swing, and who cradles the finger grip, the fingers being less rigid and more elastic.

The majority of the better players take to the happy medium. Jimmy Thomson, the longest hitter in the game to-day, slashes to the ball with his right hand—like a business, but he times it all. He is not consistently accurate, however, for which reason, the American professionals, in a recent selection of an all-American team, chose Ben Hogan, even over Sam Snead, as best with the driver.

Prodigious distance from the tee, while nice to have, is not an essential, for one of the axioms of golf is that it is second, and possibly third, shots that count, and there is no denying its truth.

The golfer who is straight and consistent with even moderate distances is the one who must enter calculations in a match.

THE caddie trouble at the Kowloon Golf Club a little while ago, which, incidentally, has been completely settled, brings to mind an article I read recently in the "Christian Science Monitor" on the "intelligence" of the caddie in the Far East.

Discussing the "look-see" caddie, whom the writer said, was in substitution peculiar to China, the article eulogised the inherent intelligence that the caddie applies to his job. "He studies the player for the first two or three holes" and thereafter stations himself where he knows the peculiarities of the player will send the ball.

All I can say is that the writer must have been peculiarly fortunate

To-day's Sports

The following are to-day's sporting fixtures:

Basketball

National U. v. Trojans, 7.30 at Kowloon Chinese "Y".
South China v. Yu Leung, 8.30 at Kowloon Chinese "Y".

Lawn Bowls

Open Pairs Quarter-final
S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar v. H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro (Kowloon Bowling Green Club), 5.15 p.m.

Swimming

Hongkong Area Championships (Army Pool).

in his caddies. Such intelligence and interest in one's game is something I have never come across. I've even had blokes who have thought that their only job was to carry the clubs around—"masker" the ball, that's the player's pidgin.

I've even seen caddies lose a ball even though they have watched it drop within 50 yards of them.

But perhaps I have been peculiarly unfortunate in my caddies. On the average, however, I must say that the local caddie is satisfactory, but I have yet to come across the superior qualities that are mentioned in that article.

A "United Press" message from Rome states that The Italian Golf Federation have announced that the word "golf" is not English, and as a result, Italians can use it without being considered Anglophile.

"Superficial observers were most surprised to see the word golf still being used despite the campaign against English words," the Federation stated. "This is not surprising because golf is not an English word but is derived from the ancient Flemish word, Kolf, meaning stick."

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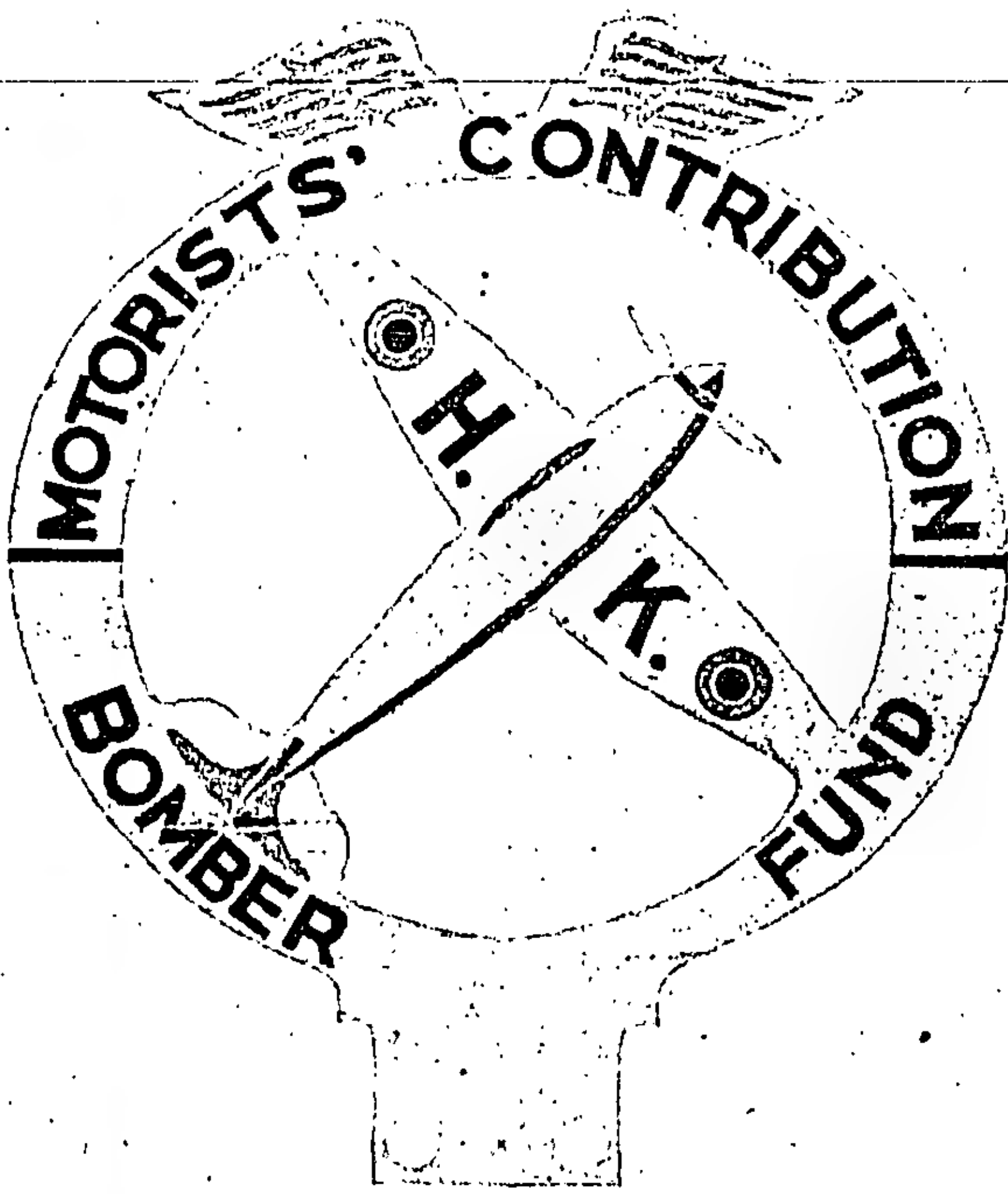
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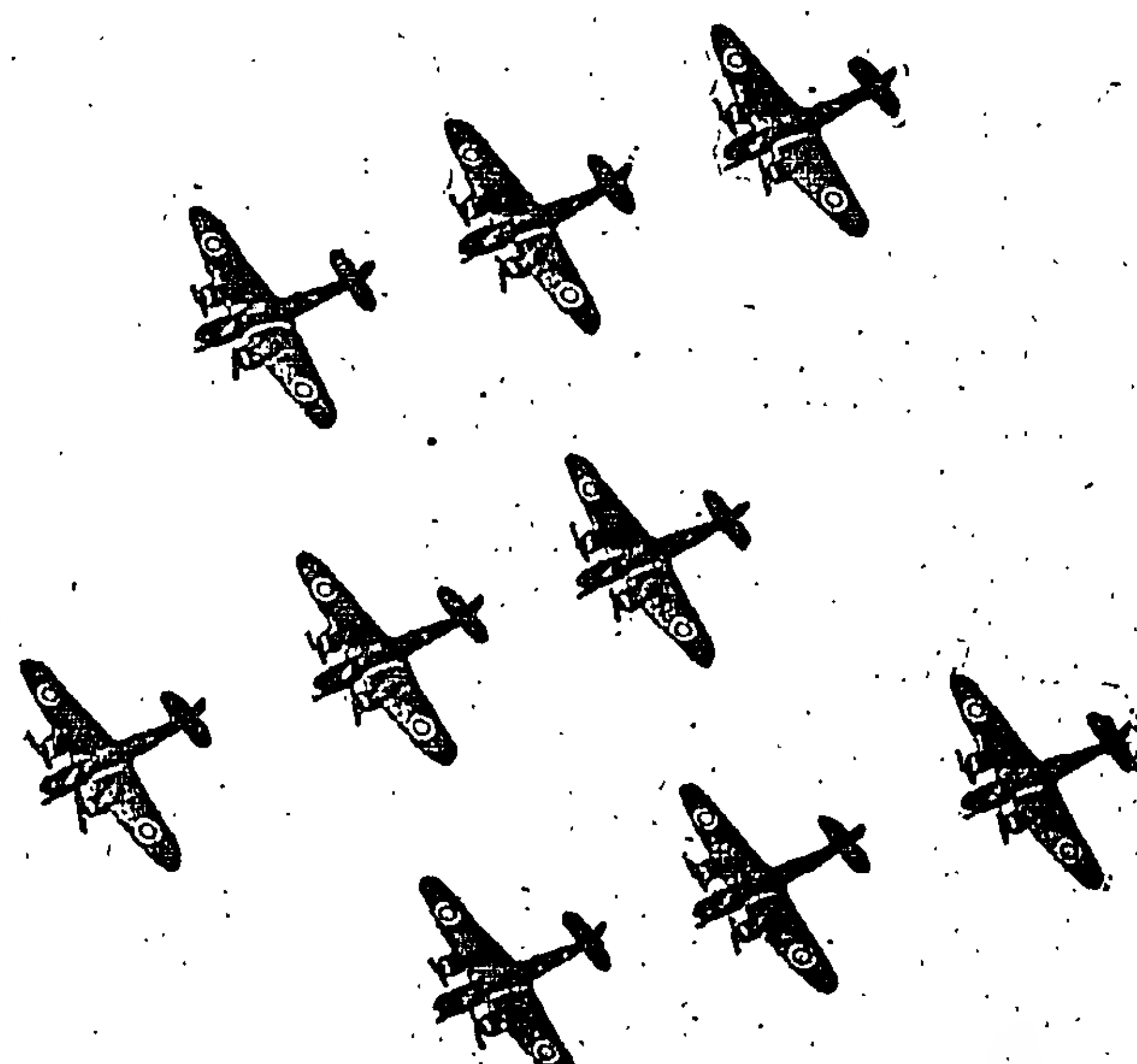
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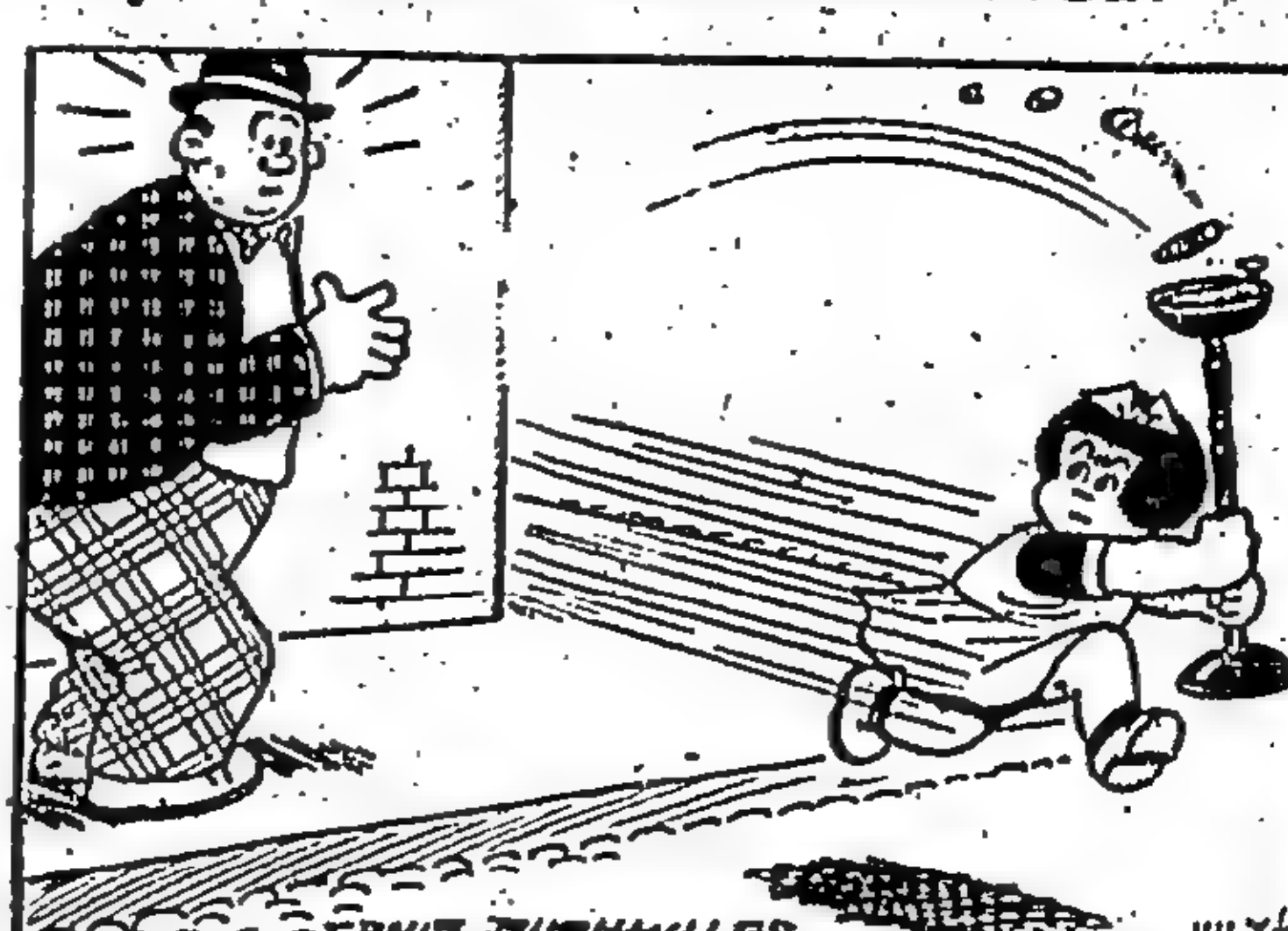
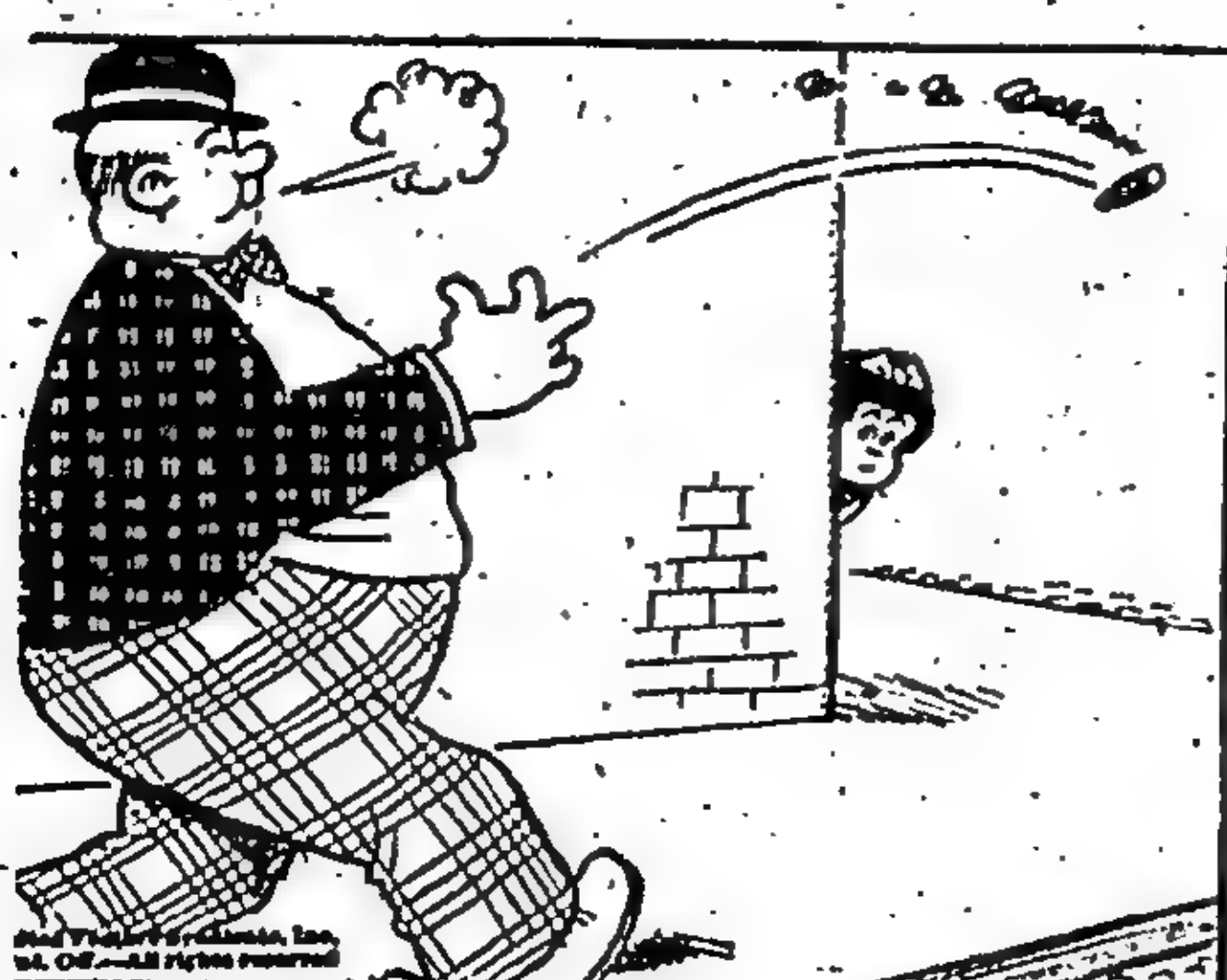
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U.S. NURSES ADRIFT IN ATLANTIC

Ship Sunk By Submarine

"Hollywood has never produced such a thrill as this," said a young nurse as she struggled for her life in rough seas in the pitch dark, after the ship in which she was travelling was torpedoed.

As she fought through the Atlantic swell in howling wind, with the rain beating down on one thought struck her.

"Gosh, this is sheer Hollywood." That was the only other remark she made before she was rescued from death.

She was Shirley Ralph, of Jamaica, New York State, one of seventeen young American nurses who arrived in London to work for the Red Cross. They were swimming in rough seas before being rescued from submarine-infested waters.

There were 32 passengers on board the liner Maasden when the warning came that enemy ships were in the vicinity.

Like An Earthquake

Ruth Martin, a tall brunette, from Washington: "We were in the dining-room drinking sodapop when we heard our boat dropping depth charges.

"That gave us the first idea that Nazi submarines were about. Fifteen minutes later the ship was hit.

"When that torpedo struck us the shock was terrific. The ship shivered and reeled like a building in an earthquake.

"I knew what I had to do and did it. It was not exactly dark but it was raining heavily."

Shirley Ralph cannot complain, because she admits she came out both to nurse and "seek adventure."

She said: "When the torpedo hit us I dropped my life jacket on and went on deck. It was a Hollywood film night; in fact, there has been nothing like it on the screen ever."

"With several others I managed to get into a lifeboat, thanks to the help of some Marines on board who worked like heroes."

"We kept about for more than an hour despite high waves that threatened to send our tiny boat down to join the torpedoed liner. At last we were picked up."

"Some of the girls were black and blue with shock and cold. My head was bleeding from where a splinter of shrapnel hit me."

U-Boat Was Sunk

"For three days after we had been picked up we never undressed, but stayed with our lifejackets on."

"Before we were picked up we saw the ship go down, and the captain told me that the submarine was sunk."

Lillian Evans, from Cambridge, Mass., jumped from a lifeboat as it was about to capsiz. "It was terribly rough, and I am a poor swimmer, but I swam for about an hour until I got near enough to the rescue ship for a lifeline to be thrown to me," she said.

None of the nurses is more than 28, most of them being around 22.

VICAR IS DETAINED

The Rev. George H. Dymock, vicar of St. Bede's, Fishponds, Bristol, who in June, 1937, addressed a Fascist meeting directly after evening service, has been detained under the Defence regulations.

In April his vicarage was raided and the matter was raised in the Commons.

Mrs Dymock told a reporter that her husband left the vicarage on a Saturday morning.

Wearing Blackshirt uniform at an open-air meeting on Bristol Downs in 1937, the vicar was howled down every time he mounted the platform.

In a recent interview he declared that although he had attended meetings addressed by Sir Oswald Mosley, he had severed his connection with Sir Oswald's organisation.

It was alleged, he added, that he flashed lights from the roof of his home to the enemy. On another occasion the police had searched his cellar for a wireless transmitting apparatus.

He Ate Knife And Fork With Meal

A Chinese recently left a restaurant in Winnipeg, Canada, with a stomachache and told a doctor he had swallowed the knife and fork with the meal. An X-ray examination confirmed his story. Surgeons operated on him and recovered the fork, but were still groping for the knife. The Chinese was expected to recover.

Australian Costs Of Living Soar

Due To Labour Lack On All Farms

Brisbane, Queensland — The steady rise of living costs in Australia, despite all effort at stabilisation by the official price-fixers, is giving the Government serious concern.

The difficulty is rendered the more acute through the prospects of labour shortage, which is already tending to send prices up. This shortage has been hastened by the intensified recruiting which has been in progress in Australia ever since the British reverses in Greece and North Africa—a fact that offers the best reply to those who talked of discouragement in the Dominions.

The shortage is affecting in particular farmer and pastoralists who, because of the large percentage of outlanders among field workers, are finding it extremely difficult to carry on normal operations.

There is also a shortage of labour in secondary industries, including those engaged in munition-making. To offset this shortage the Australian Government has introduced compulsory exemption of certain age groups, and also is energetically pushing forward with a nationwide plan for the training of youths as mechanics and mechanics for war industries as well as for the Army and Air Force.

Women In Industry

The introduction of women into industry and as farm workers is being asked to replace enlisted men with women and girls, particularly in the clerical professions.

Queensland, being Australia's biggest primary producing State, is bearing the brunt of the labour shortage. In farming districts the dearth of manpower has become so acute that some farmers have had to ask available harvesters to work up to 60 hours a week, compared with the normal 44 or 48 hours. This added labour cost, together with the drop in primary exports caused by lack of shipping, is partly to blame, according to Government officials, for the steady rise in living costs.

Acknowledgments

Yesterday's typhoon caused a temporary cessation in the flow of contributions to the Bomber Fund. The day was not entirely blank, however, one venture-spirited spirit braving the elements to pay \$2 for a Victory badge. The total of the fund is now \$2,222,512.

Gifts For Orphans

The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges receipt of a gift of 50 pairs of socks and 50 face towels from the Hongkong Associated South China War Refugee Relief Committee for the orphan children in King's Park Camp.

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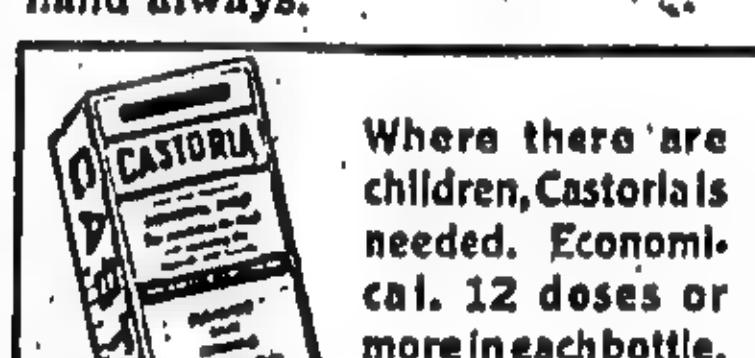
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Britain's Great Aerial Army Is Expanding: R.A.F. Only A Part

ADELAIDE.—An Empire Air Force that soon will number 250,000 stalwart young men is one of Britain's first bulwarks of defence, yet little is known of this great aerial army apart from the Royal Air Force. The R.A.F. is playing a truly heroic part in keeping the would-be Nazi invader at bay, but the R.A.F. is only one of six air forces that are guarding the British Empire.

Nor are the six air forces separate, unlinked units. There is a solidarity between all branches of the Empire air defences that is being rapidly tightened by the constant interchange not only of ideas but of the men themselves. Apart from the training scheme that is bringing thousands of young British trainees to Canada and the United States, service is taking these airmen to all parts of the globe.

Australians are in Canada, Malaya, Southern Rhodesia, Egypt, Britain. Canadians are in Bermuda, Newfoundland, Britain. New Zealanders are in Canada and Britain. Malaysians are in Canada, South Africa, and in Northern Africa and Britain.

Belonging to separate air forces which have rolled to Britain's aid, they are being trained at their countries' expense and remain on active service under its orders.

The state of the five sister air forces of the R.A.F. may be summed up as follows:

Australian Air Force

The Royal Australian Air Force was organized in 1913 when a Flying School was set up at Point Cook in Victoria. It was the only Dominion Air Force to see active service as a force during the last war. On April 1, 1923, it became the R.A.A.F., and at the start of this war numbered 3,500 officers and men. Now it has grown to seven times that size, being about 25,000 all told. But the total figure is 48,000—meaning that about 20,000 have been allocated to the Empire Air Scheme. These men will mostly go overseas to join the R.A.F. there to man special Australian Squadrons.

Australians were the first Empire air fighters to get into action in defence of Britain as a unit within the R.A.F. The Sunderland flying boat squadron, intended for air passage to the Commonwealth, was held back for service with the R.A.F. Coastal Command and has already distinguished itself against Nazi U-boats.

New Zealand Force

The Royal New Zealand Air Force started off as the New Zealand Permanent Air Force in 1923 with 23 planes presented by Britain. On Feb. 27, 1934, it became the R.N.Z.A.F. During 1914-18, some 200 men served in the Air Force of the Motherland. A year ago last September the force numbered only 766 permanent officers and men. Now it numbers 8,000, having been enlarged nearly 11 times—the highest rate of expansion of any Dominion Air Force.

In addition there is a ground staff of 8,000 to operate New Zealand's share of the Empire Air Scheme which is destined to put out annually 4,000 officers and men, mostly for the R.A.F.

Like other Dominions, airmen of New Zealand will wear their homeland name on the uniform shoulders.

Canadian Force

The Royal Canadian Air Force, which has grown from the "First Canadian Air Force Wing" training in England when the 1918 armistice was signed, now has a strength of 22,000, present and over 400,000 in the Empire Air Scheme.

and some airships from Britain after the last war.

With this material, the Canadian Air Force was formed in 1920. But the prefix "Royal" was not granted till 1924.

A year ago last September it numbered 4,000 officers and men—to-day it has 30,000 on active service in Canada and elsewhere. The expansion rate is therefore nine times.

South African Force

The South African Air Force, starting off as the South African Aviation Corps at Kimberley in 1913, was enlisted out prematurely by the Great War. All hands volunteered for and served in the Royal Flying Corps, which preceded the R.A.F.

As the war continued, the originals were joined by hundreds of their countrymen so that 3,000 flew for Britain during 1914-18.

The South African Air Force, still part of the Army, was formed as its flying section in October, 1920. In 1924, a "Five Year Programme" was put into operation for expanding the force and in 1937 this was supplemented with a "Thousand Pilots Scheme."

When this war broke out results were so far ahead of schedule that the Union had its own air force of 3,000, which has since been expanded to at least 10,000.

The S.A.A.F. was the first Dominion air force to get into action as an independent Dominion air force when it began operations by bombing Italians at Moyale on the Kenya border. Before then, and of course since, part of it has operated as the Southern Defence Force which guards the Union shipping routes by sea patrol.

Indian Force

The Indian Air Force is the youngest of the family. It started in 1932 after the first Indian cadets had been trained at the R.A.F. Cranwell College, England. Many Indians served with distinction in the last war and those in the R.A.F. to-day are distinguished by the "Air Force Blue" turban.

It started with one flight, became two flights in 1936, then went into active service on the Northwest frontier where some of its air fighters have been on duty for three months each year since.

A third flight was soon added, thus forming a squadron, so that when India joined up in the present war, there were 200 officers and men hardened to air war.

The Indian Volunteer Reserve, overwhelmed with recruits since it was announced, is being built up to

400 pilots and 2,000 mechanics for local defence, mainly above India's coasts and ports.

Some months ago five flights started to operate from Karachi, Bombay, Madras and Delhi. Pilots and air crews are being trained at Rissalpur and mechanics at Ambala.

Meanwhile regulars are being expanded to four squadrons, three of which are formed already. Thus regulars and reserves have built up the I.A.F. to fifteen times its pre-war strength.

'Bomb Basket' Invented By U.S. Private

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 6.—Private Robert R. Stubbs of Macmill Field has received public commendation from his commanding officer for his invention of a bomb device which Private Stubbs described as an improvement of the "Molotov Bread Basket."

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Brig. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, former commander of the field, praised the invention, and Col. Harry H. Young, present commander, wrote a letter of commendation to Private Stubbs which was read before his company, the 44th Bombardment Group.

It was also announced at the field that the device has been favourably endorsed by high ranking officials of the War Department following tests at the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds.

"The idea behind the whole thing," Private Stubbs said, "is to cause the maximum damage with a minimum of risk." He said he first conceived his invention about three years ago. He has assigned all his rights in the invention, he said, to the War Department.

Private Stubbs, a native of Charlotte, N. C., and a construction superintendent in civilian life, first tried his invention by dropping a harmless, miniature model off a seven-storey building. It worked, and he then made a formal drawing for the War Department.

NEGRO COMPOSER HONOURED

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers announced to-day that Harry T. Burleigh, Negro composer, had been nominated for its board of directors.

He was one of eight named to fill three vacancies. The others were: Deems Taylor and Oley Speaks, present board members; Clara Edwards, Horace Johnson, Geoffrey O'Hara, John Zasker, Howard, and Harvey Enders.

Mr. Burleigh is a baritone soloist at St. George's Episcopal Church, and author of "Little Mother of Mine," sung throughout the world by John McCormack.

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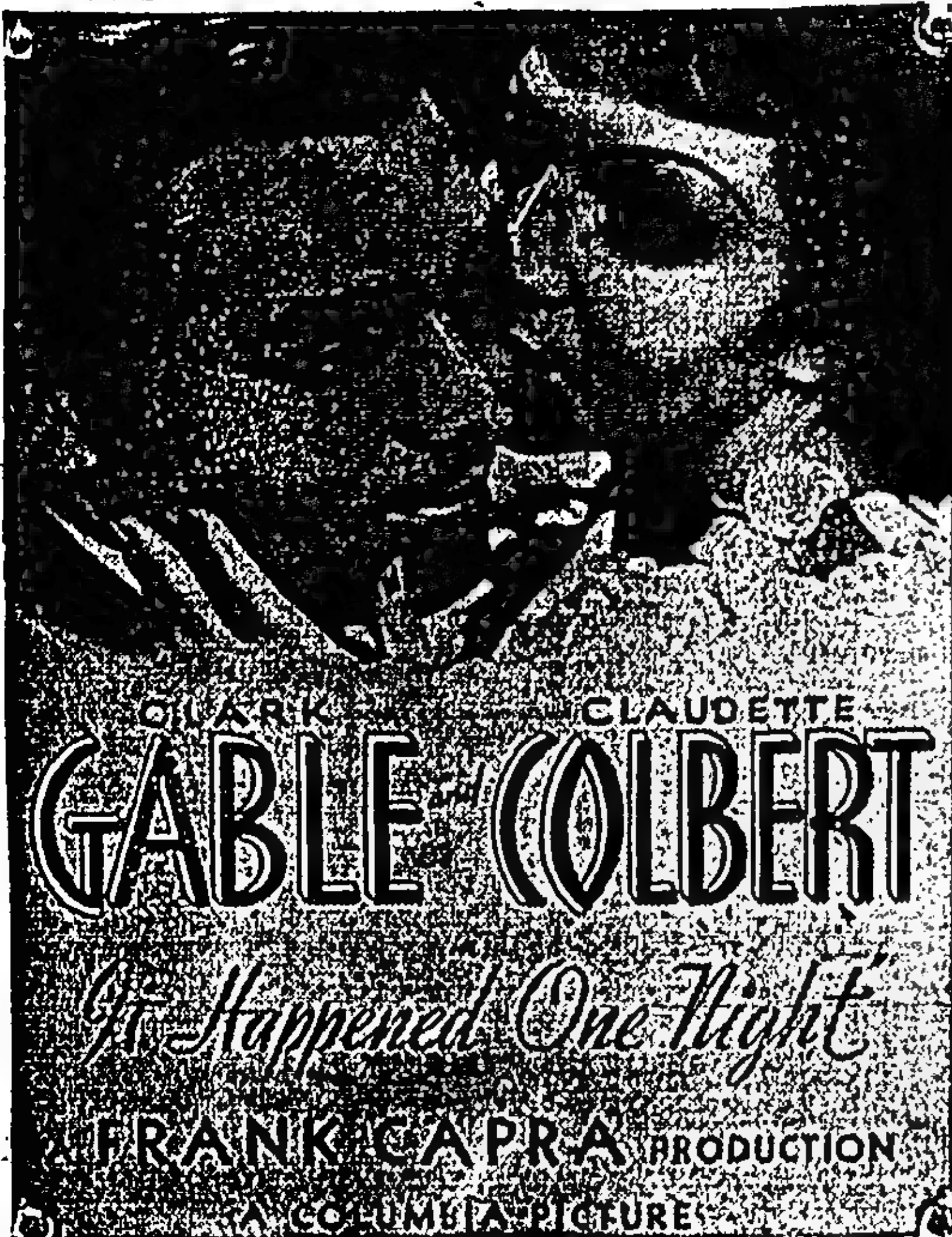
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Doubt On Succession Of Shah's Son

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accept the notion of the Shah in nominating the Crown Prince as his successor as the two are tarred with the same brush.

The Iranian Government have so far shown a helpful appreciation of the realities of the situation.

Advance On Teheran
LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—British and Russian forces in equal numbers are now moving towards Teheran, states authoritative quarters in London.

The purpose of this action is stated to be not directly related to the abdication of the Shah but is concerned with the definite intention of the Allies to clear up the situation regarding the Germans who are to be deported from Iran and to put an end to Axis tactics which the Iranian Government, in spite of their good intentions, have not been able alone to counter effectively.

London Reaction
LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—Reports of the abdication of the Shah of Iran were greeted with great satisfaction here to-night, by authoritative circles. The Foreign Office has not yet received confirmation of the news but the reports are believed to be true.

Some doubts were expressed in London as to whether the Crown Prince would be able to ascend the throne or if he does would he be able to remain. The idea of a Regency or Regency Council with Premier Ali Furuqani wielding a great influence is still being discussed here.

Tadto Teheran said that the Shah abdicated "owing to ill health," adding that the Shah's abdication was presented to the extraordinary sitting of Parliament at 11 a.m. The new King will attend Parliament and start carrying out his duties according to the laws of the constitutional Government.

Relations To Be Broken
CAIRO, Sept. 16 (UP).—It is reliably reported that diplomatic relations between Iran and Germany will be broken off. It is understood that the United States has agreed to re-present the Egyptian interests in Germany. Hitherto, Iran has represented Egypt.

Ex-Shah Takes The Road
TEHERAN, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The Shah has left the capital. He is going to Sifian by the road along which British troops are advancing towards Teheran.

Despot Fails
TEHERAN, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—During an extraordinary meeting of Parliament to-day, the ex-Shah was declared to be solely responsible for the Government's policy during the last 20 years because he was an absolute ruler, according to a radio announcement.

A declaration was also made regarding the new government. This, it was stated, will be based on constitutional procedure.

The new Shah will be sworn in on Wednesday afternoon.

Advancing On Teheran
LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—Official quarters to-day confirmed reports that Anglo-Russian troops are advancing on Teheran and are expected to occupy the capital.

The same quarters said that the reason for the Anglo-Russian advance was because of the obstructions offered by the German Legation in surrendering German nationals to the Allies.

Will Not Enter City
TEHERAN, Sept. 16 (UP).—Arrangements have been completed to billet the Russian and British troops in barracks outside of the city where they will remain unless the situation warrants their entry.

The Shah stepped down from the throne in one of the quietest, unheralded and undemonstrative acts in the history of the country.

Germans Leaving
BERLIN, Sept. 16 (UP).—Authorized German circles to-day said that the staff of the German Legation with their women and children and other Germans who are permitted to leave Iran, are departing from Teheran to-morrow. As far as is known, those to be interned number around 300.

Nazi Plan To Seize Island Is Foiled

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and pontoons, some members of the Russian storming party swam the river while others jumped from rock to rock.

The advance was covered by an artillery barrage. As the storming party reached the islands, the barrage was lifted and transferred to a further bank preventing the arrival of German reinforcements.

The official Russian news agency giving details adds that mine throwers figured prominently in this river battle.

The Russians have recaptured the town of Sautinto on the northwest front after cutting off the retreat of a large German force. Here the Germans lost one and a half battalions before they fled.

They were taken in the rear and had to run the gauntlet of rifle and machinegun fire.

Prisoners And Booty
In another action in the Leningrad area, the agency states that the German 30th Infantry Division was "completely annihilated." The Russians here captured 250 prisoners, 100 lorries, a battery of anti-tank guns and much other booty.

These successes followed a series of counter-attacks against the German forces which had broken into the Russian positions. These forces, it is stated, were finally compelled to retreat.

The newspaper "Red Star" describing still another battle in the Leningrad area says, "The Germans were staggered by an unexpected tank attack." From a fortified height overlooking the railway and road the Germans had planned to drive the Russians into a "mud trap" in the low-lying lands where incessant rain had turned the ground into a swamp.

Battle In Swamp
Before the attack could develop, the Russians cut special lanes through a neighbouring wood enabling the tanks to deliver their surprise attack.

The Germans were driven off the heights and into the very "mud trap" they had planned for the Russians. In the swamp they became a target for the Russian artillery and mine throwers, and were routed, leaving 400 officers and men dead on the battlefield.

Two German dumps with tanks, guns, machine-guns and valuable operational documents fell into Russian hands.

Japan's Attitude Towards U.S.

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the announcement of the basic points on which agreement has been reached. Although the nature of the difficulties is not clear, it is understood that they are not likely to cause a collapse of negotiations or jeopardise hopes of a successful outcome.

Eleventh Hour Hitch
"The difficulties are alleged to have resulted from points raised by Washington at the eleventh hour. Before these difficulties arose, the two governments are said to have reached an agreement on certain basic principles covering future Japanese-American relations and relating chiefly to an assurance of peace in the Pacific and the gradual easing of economic restrictions against Japan."

Hitler Still Beaten If He Forces Red Cities
WELLINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The belief that if the Russians should be forced to retreat from Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow, Hitler is already beaten as long as the line is kept intact was the opinion voiced by Mr Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister, speaking at a civic reception here.

Mr Fraser added that this view is held in authoritative circles in Britain.

The Hood Casualties Included 94 Officers

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Lieutenant J. M. Jago, Midshipman S. L. L. Jones, Temporary Midshipman R. S. Knight, Temporary Midshipman P. R. Laphon, Lieutenant E. P. S. Lewis, Major H. Lumley, Royal Marines, Paymaster, Lieutenant P. J. P. Luxmoore, Lieutenant Commander J. L. Machine, Temporary Midshipman J. B. McLaren, Lieutenant Commander E. H. F. Maultrie, Temporary Lieutenant C. B. Newey, Midshipman C. J. Norman, Lieutenant Cdr G. E. Owens, Lt-Cdr A. Pares, Surgeon Lieutenant J. E. C. Peacock, Midshipman R. G. Peman, Paymaster Lieutenant R. G. Phillips, Warrant Engineer R. A. Plumley, Paymaster Lieutenant S. A. Porton-Fausset, Mister W. A. Price, Warrant Engineer, Lieutenant E. C. Roach, Sub Lieutenant A. C. Robbins, Paymaster Commander D. C. Roe, Sub Lieutenant J. H. Scott-Kerr, Lieutenant H. G. Smith, Temporary Lieutenant T. F. Spence, Instructor Commander D. M. Steel, Temporary Midshipman B. B. Stevens, Reverend T. R. J. Stewart, Chaplain, Temporary Lieutenant C. F. Studds, Commissioned Ordnance Officer J. C. Sulley, Commissioned Telegraphist W. O. Taylor, Commissioned Gunner H. G. Tozer, Paymaster Midshipman G. D. Vacher, Commissioned Gunner A. D. Varlow, Warrant Engineer, Mr F. Walker, Probationary Temporary Midshipman K. G. Warden, Acting Commander S. J. Warrand, Probationary Paymaster Sub Lieutenant S. Watkinson, Gunner E. F. Wheeler, Probationary Temporary Sub Lieutenant T. Willets, Temporary Midshipman R. G. Williams, Acting Warrant Engineer, F. J. Woodward, Lieutenant Commander A. C. Wyldore-Smith, Boatswain, R. G. Yates.

Polish Navy
Midshipman S. Czerzy, Midshipman K. Szymalski, Midshipman L. Zmuda, Trzebiatowski, Midshipman O. Zurek.

"Reuter" adds that the men's names occupied 43 pages of the Admiralty casualty list, consisting of 94 officers, 1,152 ratings, 101 Royal Marines, four Australian naval ratings and seven members of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

Four Polish midshipmen and 90 British boys (ratings and marines) figure in the list.

The officers lost included the noted gunnery expert, Vice-Admiral Lancelot Ernest Holland, aged 53, who had been described as one of the most outstanding officers of his generation, and Captain Ralph Kerr, who commanded the Hood.

Three survivors were picked up, including a midshipman aged 17, who was making his first voyage.

Gallantry Rewarded
LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—"Fins" was written to-day to the epic story of the sinking of the "unsinkable" Bismarck, which was the swift revenge the British exacted from the German Navy for the sinking of the Hood, with the announcement of awards to officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm who crippled the Nazi battleship, enabling the Royal Navy to send the German ship to the bottom.

The awards include three Distinguished Service Orders, medals and three mentions. Shared by aircraft of the Ark Royal and the Victorious and by H.M.S. Sparrowhawk and one naval air station, the honours are made for "gallantry, daring and skill in operations in which the German battleship Bismarck was destroyed."

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NEW MOUNTS FOR MOUNTIES—Many of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of Canada, popularly known as the Mounties, are with the Canadian Army in England, assigned to traffic problems. Above, Regimental Sergeant Major Tulin, for 23 years with the Mounties, gets his 100-mile-an-hour motorcycle ready.

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SOLICITOR PROTESTS AGAINST 'INSINUATING' QUESTIONS AT INQUIRY

AN INTERVENTION BY MR G. G. N. Tinson, who is representing Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins at the public inquiry into matters affecting the architectural office of the air raid precautions department, occurred during this morning's hearing. Mr Tinson protesting that certain questions put by the chairman, Mr Justice Cressall, were an insinuation against Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins.

LATEST SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

Nazi Forces Annihilated

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, Sept. 16 (UP).—The following communique was issued in Moscow to-day: In the course of September 16, our troops fought the enemy along the whole front, while our air force operated against enemy panzer troops, infantry and artillery and attacked enemy aerodromes and bombed pontoon bridges.

U. S. NAVY ESCORTING CARGOES

Lend-Lease Supplies Protected

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Since "zero hour" (one minute past midnight) the United States Atlantic Fleet, stripped for action, has been taking under its armed protection all Lend-Lease cargoes between the United States and Iceland.

The widely accepted view in authoritative quarters here is that this means actual convoying.

That the statement of the Navy Minister (Colonel Frank Knox) was broader than the "shoot at sight" policy set forth by President Roosevelt was the expressed opinion of naval strategists who declared that adequate protection of merchantmen meant convoys as the only certain way of ensuring the protection of all ships at the crucial moment of attack.

For its task of watching over the priceless cargoes of aid to Britain, the Atlantic Fleet is believed to have substantially more than 125 vessels. These include three old battleships assigned to it when it was created a year ago, while the fleet has been steadily growing by the addition of newly-built vessels and probably by transfers from the Pacific Fleet.

Greatest Navy in World
Meanwhile the Navy Department has announced that every naval vessel authorized by law has been contracted for "in the creation of the greatest array of fighting ships under one flag the world has ever seen."
It is disclosed that two of the six new 35,000-ton dreadnoughts—North Carolina and Washington—have been added to the battle line this month, giving the United States 17 battleships in actual service.
The Navy Department also stated that a survey of the vessels in the TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Going Halves In Supplies To Russia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—Being confident that the Soviet armed forces will successfully survive the winter, the British and United States Governments, it is reliably and exclusively reported, have agreed in principle to go halves in providing supplies to Russia.

Britain has earmarked one half of her available stocks of several vital strategic raw materials for Russia. Cargoes of some of these commodities have already reached Soviet ports.

A major expansion of deliveries via Iran is envisaged.

The chairman was questioning Mr Carman and asked him if he had ever arranged a dinner party and whether Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins was one of the guests. Mr Carman replied in the affirmative and the chairman then asked if Mimi Lau was also present to which Mr Carman replied yes. At this point Mr Tinson made his intervention, protesting that the manner in which the chairman put his questions constituted an insinuation against Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins.

First part of this morning's proceedings were held in camera, and subsequently Mr W. F. Carman of Marshmans was further examined.

The Commission comprises His Honour Mr Justice E. F. Cressall, (Chairman), Mr S. Hampden Ross, Mr L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr K. M. A. Barnett, (Secretary). Mr D. H. Blake appeared for Kin Lee and Co., and Mr G. G. N. Tinson appeared for Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins. Hon. Mr E. Davidson appeared for Marshman Hongkong China Ltd., and for Mr W. F. Carman in a personal capacity.

The Chairman: I understood that a couple of days ago you executed a search warrant on certain premises? Sgt. Cashman: Yes, at No. 2 O'Brien Road; ground floor, on September 15.

The place was supposed to be the offices of the Wan Tung and the Kwong Wing Companies?—Yes.

Will you tell the Commission what you found when you went there?—The Wan Tung Company was on the left, the offices of the address and the office consisted of one small table and a stool. The table consisted of two drawers. I searched one of them and found these two books.

What else did you find?—Four chopsticks. Two were for the Wan Tung Co., one was for the Kwong Wing Co., and the other I cannot understand.

Were there other occupants of the cockpit?—Yes, they were the principal tenants.

Did you ask them if they knew anything about the Kwong Wing or the Wan Tung companies?—Yes, they said that they had not seen anyone from the Companies for two days.

Accommodation Address
In your general observation of this cockpit, is it correct to say that it was merely used as an accommodation address and that it was not really an office?—Yes.

You also found this visiting card, "The Express Transportation Co." and on the other side "Wan Tung" in Chinese?—Yes.

Evidence has been given that these two firms received the sum of \$20,000 TURN to Page 5, Column One

Pressman Forecasts US-Japan Compromise

Special to the "Telegraph"

HONOLULU, Sept. 16 (UP).—Mr Robert W. Davis, General Manager of the "North China Daily News" of Shanghai arrived here to-day aboard a vessel en route to the Orient, and he forecast that Japan will eventually withdraw from the Axis if Russia continues to withstand the German attacks.

He stated that "this would mean an adjustment of the differences between Japan and the United States and peace in the Pacific."

He asserted that he believed that "some compromise will be reached" between the two countries.

Newspaper's Protest
SHANGHAI, Sept. 17 (UP).—The Japanese army's newspaper "Sin Shun Pao" to-day charged that both Britain and Germany are trying to hamstring the Japanese-American negotiations due to the disadvantages accruing to them therefrom.

However, it declared that a firm United States-Japan determination

Russian Air Force Chief

Photo shows Lt-General Pavel Rychagov, head of the Soviet Air Force, which is regarded as one of the biggest in the world, and, as a result of its fine showing against the Nazis, one of the most efficient.



Japan's New Attitude Towards United States

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (UP).—The Scripps-Howard columnist, Mr William Phillip Simms to-day asserted that behind Japan's more conciliatory attitude towards the United States was the recent report to Prince Konoye from his advisers, stating that Japan, at present, cannot hope to win a war against the United States.

He asserted that Prince Konoye was advised that only if Britain and Russia collapsed, leaving the United States "holding the bag" in Europe and on the Atlantic, would Japan be comparatively safe in challenging the then necessarily vastly curtailed Pacific fleet.

Mr Simms declared that Prince Konoye took stock of the Japanese position as a result of the increasing pressure from Berlin for military aid. "Japan's captains of industry are said to have informed the Premier that despite the remarkable progress of the nation, it was still in no position to wage a colossal war with a Power such as the United States," he stated.

"While she might do well to begin with—might even win victories—she could not replace ships, tanks, planes, guns, etc., once they were destroyed."

More Difficulties Arise

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The announcement of a "Japanese-American agreement" as a result of recent discussions in Washington has been delayed owing to difficulties which have arisen during the past week, says the Tokyo correspondent of the Wally news agency.

The correspondent adds: "This has caused the Government to defer the announcement of the basic points on which agreement has been reached. Although the nature of the difficulties is not clear, it is understood to be Back Page, Column 6

Japanese Train Wreck

TOKYO, Sept. 16 (UP).—In a train collision to-night at the Abochi station more than 100 persons were killed or injured. The Okayama Traffic Affairs Bureau has dispatched a relief party.

Doubt Cast On Succession Of Abdicated Shah's Son

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The dramatic announcement of the abdication of Shah Pahlevi is likely to be followed by further developments in Teheran in the next few days, "Reuters" Diplomatic Correspondent learns.

H.M.S. Hood Casualties Included 94 Officers

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—The Admiralty to-day announced that there were 1,418 casualties when H.M.S. Hood was sunk in her battle with the Bismarck—the crack Nazi battleship which was later destroyed by British naval and air forces. The Hood's casualties are "all missing, presumed killed."

Folkestone Shelled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOLKESTONE, Sept. 16 (UP).—After eight days of silence the German cross-Channel guns opened up about 9 o'clock to-night, firing salvos of two shells in the space of 17 minutes. The visibility was so clear that watchers from the cliff tops saw the muzzle flames of the Cap Gris Nez guns.

After a lull of half an hour the German guns resumed with several more two-gun salvos.

S'hai Tram Strike

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 17 (UP).—Tram employees in the International Settlement struck shortly after 8 a.m. to-day partially paralysing the morning rush hour transportation; however, the over-worked buses continued to function.

The reasons for the strike are not immediately ascertainable but one unofficial and unconfirmed version said that it resulted from a dispute arising after a Russian policeman had recently slapped a conductor; the employees vainly demanded the discharge of the policeman and then staged a demonstration strike.

Confirmation of the abdication has not yet reached London though authoritative quarters are prepared to accept the news as true as it is in line with the probable course of events in view of the extreme unpopularity of the Shah's regime and the oppression under which the Iranian people were labouring in the past.

It is known that the people in Teheran were surprised that the TURN to Back Page, Column 3

ENEMY PATPOL SHIP SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces that an enemy patrol vessel was sunk and six enemy fighters destroyed in today's operations.

The British lost one bomber and two fighters.

Lantau Settlement Scheme Not to be Abandoned

At a meeting of the general committee of the Lantau and Port Shelter Village Settlement Scheme, the Promotion Sub-committee reported that the potential subscribers to the Company whose formation was envisaged to operate the Lantau Village Settlement Scheme, had expressed the opinion that Government should bear the estimated cost of the anti-malarial and health measures in the settlement areas since the primary object of the scheme was to assist the poorer inhabitants of the congested districts in the urban areas to settle on Lantau.

The subscribers were, however, prepared to recommend the allocation of \$5,000 from the Company's budget for expenditure on anti-malarial and health work for the first year.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed, nem. con., that the Lantau Village Settlement Scheme should not be abandoned because of the difficulty of reconciling the decision of the potential subscribers to restrict the expenditure on anti-malarial and health measures to \$5,000 when the sum of \$20,000 had been set as the amount required to

protect adequately the settlers from malaria and other preventable diseases, but that further possibilities should be explored.

It was, further, decided to ask the Promotion Sub-committee to draft a memorandum giving in brief outline the steps by which the proposed Company would operate the scheme during the first year and on what terms it would hold the land and how it would dispose of it to settlers and others. The District Officer, South, agreed to suggest restrictive covenants on the leasehold, which the proposed Company hoped to acquire. TURN to Back Page, Column 7

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- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
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- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 12x16, 16x20.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the Editor of the Chinese Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
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H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,480 b.
H.K. Banks \$.....77 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$.....85 n.
Chartered Banks \$.....94 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. \$.....23 3/4 n.
Mercantile C. \$.....11 3/4 n.
East Asia \$.....70 n.

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$.....240 b.
Union Ins. \$.....435 b.
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$.....187 1/2 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....120 n.
Steamships \$.....10 n.
Indo-China S. \$.....90 n.
Indo-China D. \$.....70 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$.....50 3/4 n.
Waterboats \$.....65 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....97 b.
Docks \$.....10,000 b.
Providence \$.....74 3/4 n.
Shui Do \$.....35 1/2 n.

MINING
Kailan \$.....14/- n.
Raub's \$.....74 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....2 cts n.

LANDS
Hotels \$.....434 s.
Lands \$.....38 1/2 s.
Lands 45% Debentures \$.....87 1/2 n.
Shui Do \$.....214 n.
Humphreys \$.....8 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....415 b.
Chinese Estates \$.....100 1/4 s.

UTILITIES
Trams \$.....184 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....7 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....314 n.
Star Ferries \$.....61 3/4 s.
Y. Ferries \$.....24 b.
China Lights (old) \$.....7 1/2 s.
China Lights (new) \$.....2 1/2 s.
H.K. Electric (old) x. ris. 24 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....24 n.
H.K. Electric Rts \$.....13,65 n.
H.K. Electric S. \$.....18 1/2 n.
Sapulatan Lights \$.....13,10 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....25 b.
Telephones (new) \$.....9,30 b.

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Cald. Mack. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....45 n.
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H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) \$.....98 n.
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Constructions (old) \$.....134 b.
Constructions (new) \$.....80 cts n.
Vibro Piling \$.....7,20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) \$.....7 1/8 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$.....1 1/8 n.

NO MINES SEEN IN HARBOUR

No mines have been reported yesterday to have been seen adrift, and no confirmation of the original rumour that some were adrift has in fact been made.

RANGOON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).

The Premier, Mr. U. Saw, will lead the Burma delegation in talks with the Chinese Mission on immigration. The negotiations will start tomorrow, the Burma Government announce.

TIN HAT DAY

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NAZI PLAN TO SEIZE STRATEGIC ISLAND IS FOILED BY RUSSIANS

("Reuter's" Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

MOSCOW, SEPT. 16 (REUTER).—GERMAN PLANS TO USE A CERTAIN SMALL ISLAND AND ONE BANK OF THE RIVER "V" IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF LENINGRAD AS A JUMPING-OFF GROUND FOR FURTHER ADVANCE TO THE CITY HAVE BEEN FOILED AFTER A BITTER STRUGGLE.

PREPARING FOR THEIR TASK UNDER COVER OF ARTILLERY FIRE, THE RUSSIANS LAUNCHED THEIR ATTACK AT DAWN. AIDED BY BOATS AND PONTOONS THEY CROSSED THE RIVER AND STORMED THE ISLAND WITH BAYONETS AND HAND-GRENADES.

A girl member of the Leningrad Volunteers was among the first-line storming party. She was armed with a rifle and hand-grenades.

The Germans put up stiff resistance but in the end were forced off the island, and now the Russians hold both river banks as well.

The Germans lost hundreds of dead in this battle and much material, and they are now venting their anger by fruitlessly shelling the islands concerned.

Germans Beaten Off

BY "REUTER'S" RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT

MOSCOW, Sept. 16.—The fact that Soviet troops continue to control the entrance to the Gulf of Finland is by far the most interesting revelation of the overnight Soviet communiqué.

A German attempt to land troops on the island of Saremaa or Ezel off the Estonian coast was beaten off not only by the Soviet Fleet but also by aircraft and shore batteries. It has always been known that Soviet forces have continued to hold Hangoe off the Finnish coast and from time to time there have been descriptive accounts in the Soviet press of fights by which more and more small islands studding the entrance to and in the waters of the Finnish Gulf were seized and occupied by Soviet troops.

An attempted German landing on Saremaa Island can be regarded as linking up with their general plan for operations against Leningrad. Without at least partial control of the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, the Germans will find it difficult for them to attempt the use of seapower on any scale as a further arm against the defenders of Leningrad.

Red Navy Co-Operation

At present the Russians are able to use men of the Baltic Fleet for many local tasks in the defence of Leningrad. But the men will have to be withdrawn from these tasks if major naval operations had to be undertaken against the Germans which would be the case if the latter forced an entry in strength into the Gulf of Finland.

It is evident from the number of vessels involved that it was a serious attempt which was made to seize the Soviet base of Saremaa and it is considered to be of considerable importance that the German attack had been beaten off with such firmness.

Artillery Barrage

MOSCOW, Sept. 15 (Reuter).—The Russian artillery played a valuable part in the river battle reported earlier. Apart from the use of boats and pontoons, some members of the Russian storming party swam the river while others jumped from rock to rock.

Further Decisions.

It is not for us to advise them what they should do about that—they must decide for themselves, but we must go on saying what we have known to be true—that the more quickly they make their full weight felt the sooner will Hitler be destroyed.

Permanent Peace

Asked as to the relations between America and Britain after the war, Lord Halifax replied: "I should have little hope for the future of the world unless I felt that the United States and the British Commonwealth would be able to establish on a permanent foundation the present friendship and understanding. Our relations must be governed by that friendship. If we can really work together, each contributing under God our own special gifts, we can restore the old conception of courage, honesty and freedom that the world has honoured for a thousand years. We can create new conditions of justice and goodwill."

Self-Defence

"Remember that the mainspring of all this is America's own self-defence. But at the same time every man or woman at vital war production realises that he or she is helping to keep us fed, our factories supplied with material and weapons to be placed in our hands for use against the common enemy."

It was the same story in the aircraft industry, said Lord Halifax. Vast factories seemed to spring up from the very ground; production lines were busy night and day turning out fighters and bombers.

"Wherever I went I found management and workers alike resolved to do anything they could to help. They are ready to set up new production records."

Vital Decision

Lord Halifax expressed the conviction that American aid will grow week by week because "all the time more of her people are realising how closely this fight affects their lives and all the things which make life worth living for them. As a consequence they may have to make

The advance was covered by an artillery barrage. As the storming party reached the islands, the barrage was lifted and transferred to a further bank preventing the arrival of German reinforcements.

The official Russian news agency giving details adds that mine throwers also figured prominently in this river battle.

The Russians have recaptured the town of Saultina on the northwest front after cutting off the retreat of a large German force. Here the Germans lost one and a half battalions before they fled.

They were taken in the rear and had to run the gauntlet of rifle and machine-gun fire.

Prisoners And Booty

In another action in the Leningrad area, the agency states that the German 30th Infantry Division was "completely annihilated." The Russians here captured 250 prisoners, 100 lorries, a battery of anti-tank guns and much other booty.

These successes followed a series of counter-attacks against the German forces which had broken into the Russian positions. These forces, it is stated, were finally compelled to retreat.

The newspaper "Red Star" describing still another battle in the Leningrad area says, "The Germans were staggered by an unexpected tank attack." From a fortified height overlooking the railway and road the Germans had planned to drive the Russians into a "mud trap" in the low-lying lands where incessant rain had turned the ground into a swamp.

Battle In Swamp

Before the attack could develop, the Russians cut special lanes through a neighbouring wood enabling the tanks to deliver their surprise attack. The Germans were driven off the heights and into the very "mud trap" they had planned for the Russians.

Floundering in the swamp they became a target for the Russian artillery and mine throwers, and were routed, leaving 400 officers and men dead on the battlefield.

Two German dumps with tanks, guns, machine-guns and valuable operational documents fell into Russian hands.

Sofia Answers Soviet Bad Faith Accusations

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian Government has categorically denied adopting a "disloyal attitude" towards Russia, according to a Sofia despatch to the German official news agency. The Bulgarian Government "know nothing" of any provocative action on Bulgarian soil.

These statements are contained in the Bulgarian Government's reply to the recent protest by the Russian Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Molotov, regarding anti-Russian activities in Bulgaria.

The reply was made through the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow yesterday. Categorically declaring that all Soviet assertions that Bulgaria has adopted a disloyal attitude towards Russia are untrue, the note says the Bulgarian Government are specially surprised by the assertion that Bulgaria has become a base for Italian-German hostilities against Russia, ascribing these assertions to radio propaganda and adding, "Bulgaria has merely taken a course corresponding to her interests."

The Government know nothing of any provocative action against the Soviet Union on Bulgarian soil.

Counter Allegations

The note maintains that Russian bombs have been dropped on Bulgarian soil and also that one parachutist whose identity has been established has landed.

The attitude of the Bulgarian press is stated to be merely a logical outcome of that adopted by the Russian press and radio. The note further protests the assertion that recent changes in Bulgarian penal regulations indicate preparation for an attack on Russia. These measures "putative defensive and precautionary" and purely internal.

Finally the note declares that Russia is misinformed otherwise she would "have no serious grounds for complaining of Bulgaria's disloyalty or of aggressive intentions."

JAPANESE FAIL IN N. HUNAN

CHUNGKING, Sept. 16 (Central News).—Japanese attempts to lodge the Chinese from their raiding bases in the Tayuan Mountain in northern Hunan—near the Itup border have ended in dismal failure after costing them some 2,400 casualties, according to the Chinese military spokesman.

Japanese on September 7 launched a "mopping up" drive with two platoon closing in on the mountain and severe fighting lasted till September 11. During the five days, the battle was waged within a radius of 90 kilometres. The Japanese threw more than 20,000 men into the fray.

The Chinese started counter-attacks on both the front and the flanks, finally forcing the Japanese to withdraw to their bases at Taolin and Chungfang south of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

The Tayuan mountain is now completely in Chinese hands, again, the spokesman said.

Puppets Surrender

LOYANG, Sept. 16 (Central News).—More than 30,000 puppet troops under the command of Liu Chang-yl in northern Hunan have deserted the Japanese and joined the old Chinese army, was officially announced here yesterday.

Taking advantage of the inspection of his troops by the Japanese on September 11, Liu led his men to attack the Japanese, killing one colonel and one major, both advisers to the puppet forces. More than 50 Japanese officers of the inspection party were taken prisoner.

Meanwhile, Liu's troops recaptured Wenhsien in the northern Hunan near the Shansi border on the following day.

Thai Army Command Changes

BANGKOK, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Four major re-shuffles in the Thai Army Commands, including the anti-aircraft regiment, were officially announced to-night.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Army, General Chao, was promoted to Chief of the Defence Affairs.

The Officer Commanding the Anti-Aircraft Regiment is appointed Officer Commanding the First Army Command.

The chief of the Anti-Aircraft section becomes Officer Commanding the Anti-Aircraft Regiment.

The Under-Secretary of the Defence Ministry is additionally appointed Assistant Commander-in-Chief of Administration and Technical Affairs.

Meanwhile with the aid of lectures and demonstrations the public is being intensively educated to become self-defence.

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The following changes in postage rates will be effective as from 15th September 1941.

Letters Postcards each
Macao and China — \$0.04
New Zealand by air \$1.85 \$0.00
via Rangoon per 1/2 oz.
Europe all countries \$3.50 \$1.80
air mail airmails per 1/2 oz.
by air to S.A. and
onwards by sea

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Zelan), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

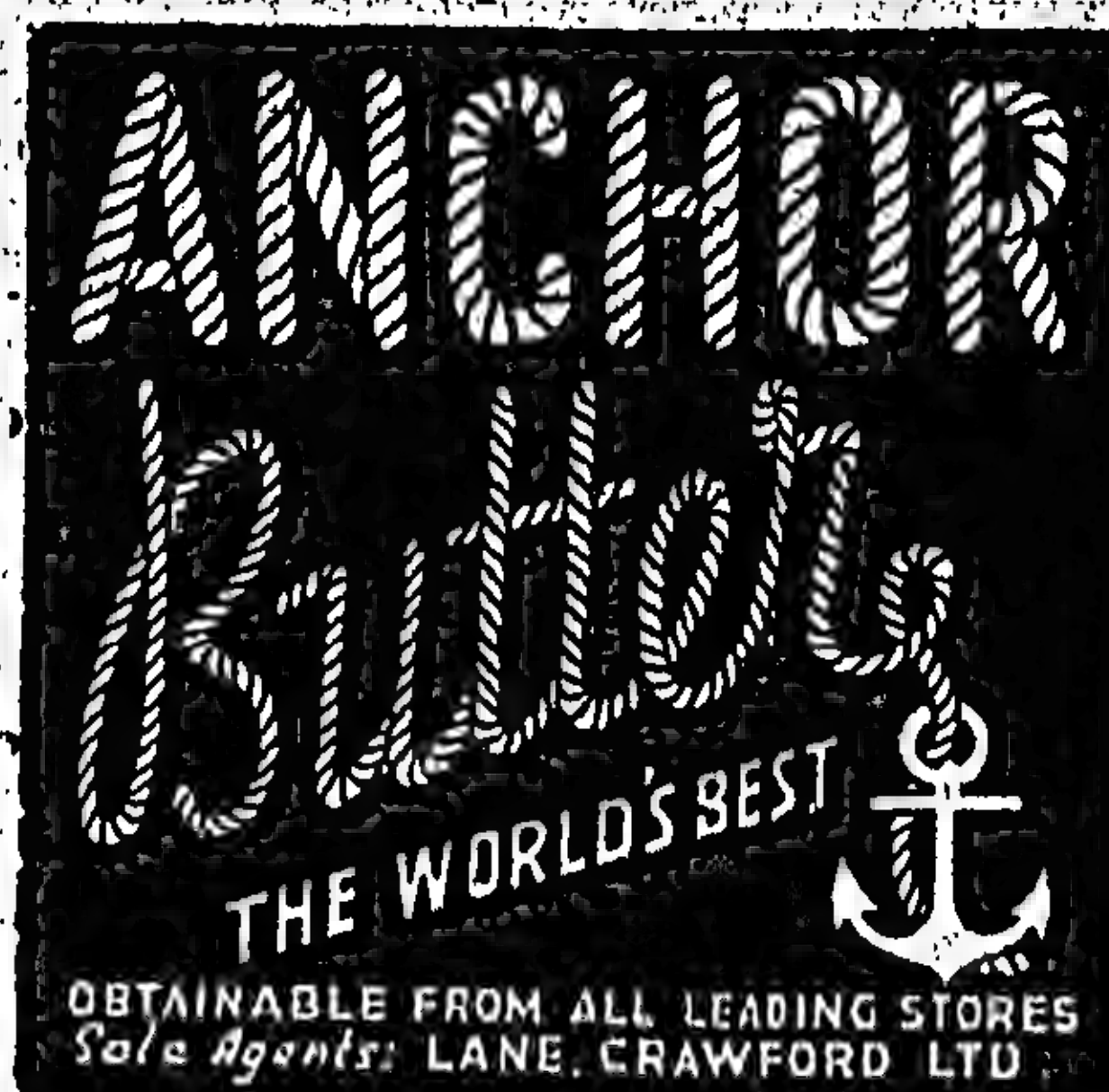
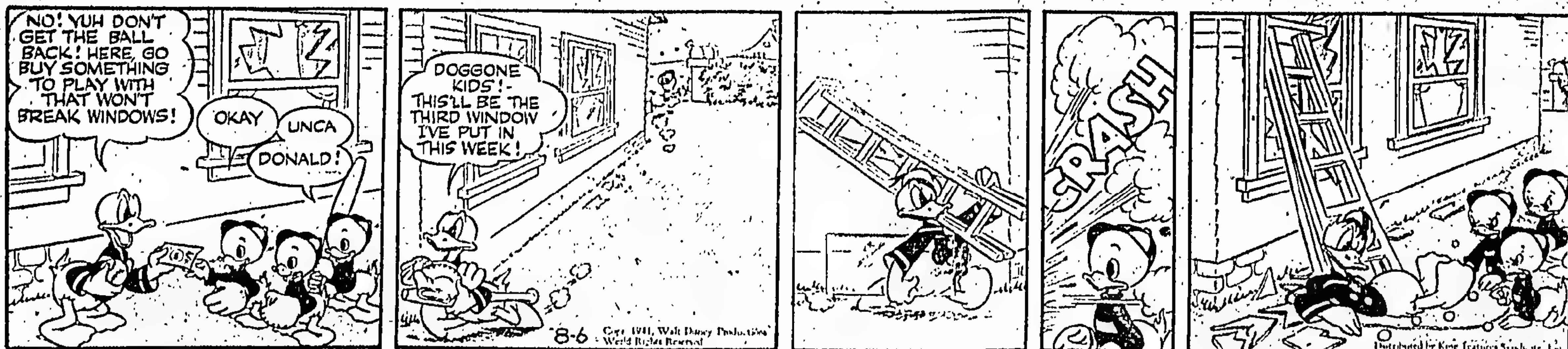
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco
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date, 19th September, Sept. 20.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Wednesday, Sept. 17.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K. P. O.
Reg. Sept. 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 17, 5.30 p.m.
P. O.
Reg. Sept. 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 17, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 19, 4 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 22.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 22, 4 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 22, 4.30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 26, 5 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 26, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 26, 5 p.m.
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DONALD DUCK

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By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Difficult Decision

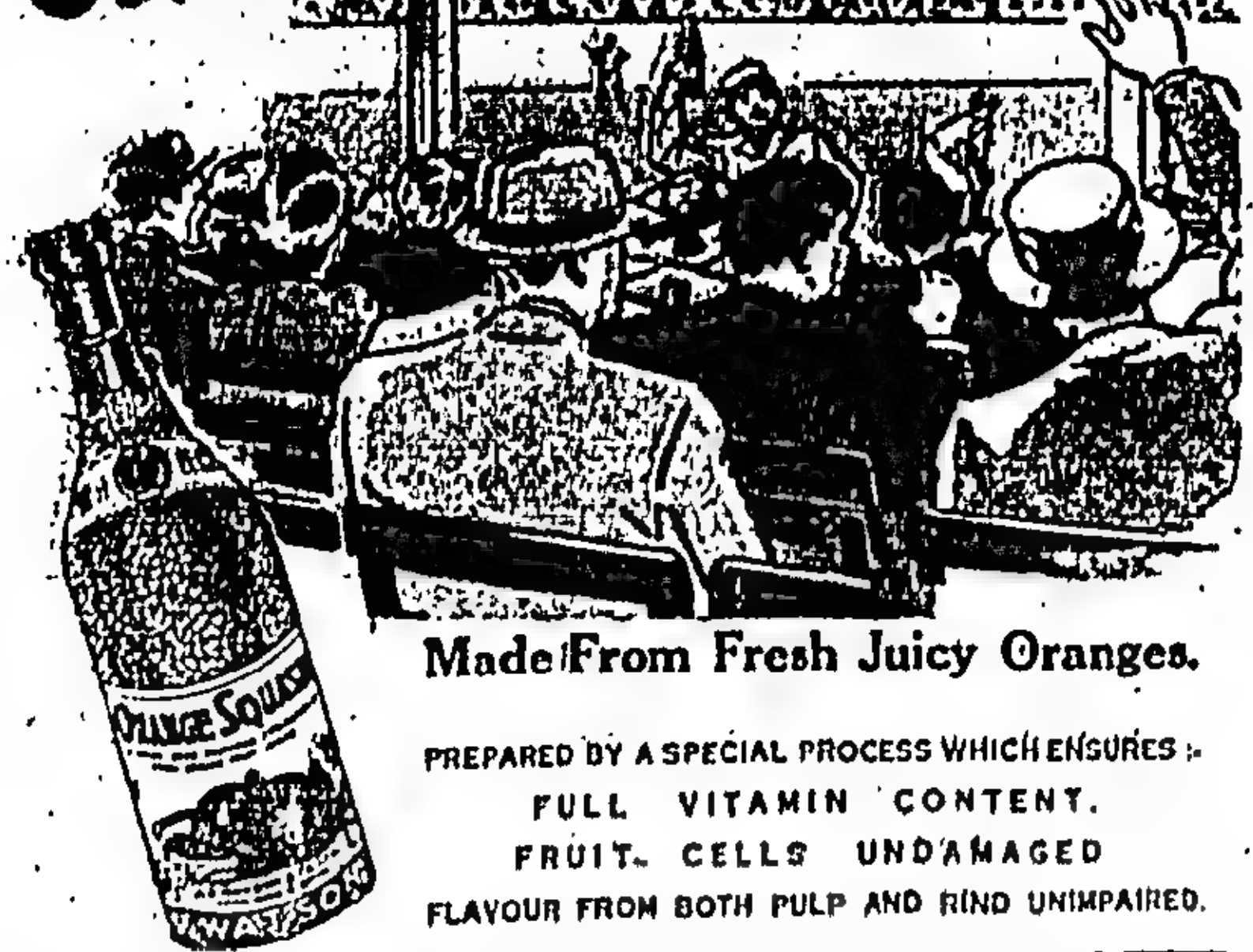
The question of whether to double non-vulnerable opponents or to go out for a vulnerable game of one's own is perhaps the most tantalizing problem that duplicate players have to face. Consider the following typical case:

Match-point duplicate.
East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

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 ♣ 10 9 7

The bidding:
1♣ 2♦ 3♥ 4♠ 5♣ 6♦ 7♥ 8♠ 9♣ 10♦ 11♥ 12♠ 13♣ 14♦ 15♥ 16♠ 17♣ 18♦ 19♥ 20♠ 21♣ 22♦ 23♥ 24♠ 25♣ 26♦ 27♥ 28♠ 29♣ 30♦ 31♥ 32♠ 33♣ 34♦ 35♥ 36♠ 37♣ 38♦ 39♥ 40♠ 41♣ 42♦ 43♥ 44♠ 45♣ 46♦ 47♥ 48♠ 49♣ 50♦ 51♥ 52♠ 53♣ 54♦ 55♥ 56♠ 57♣ 58♦ 59♥ 60♠ 61♣ 62♦ 63♥ 64♠ 65♣ 66♦ 67♥ 68♠ 69♣ 70♦ 71♥ 72♠ 73♣ 74♦ 75♥ 76♠ 77♣ 78♦ 79♥ 80♠ 81♣ 82♦ 83♥ 84♠ 85♣ 86♦ 87♥ 88♠ 89♣ 90♦ 91♥ 92♠ 93♣ 94♦ 95♥ 96♠ 97♣ 98♦ 99♥ 100♠ 101♣ 102♦ 103♥ 104♠ 105♣ 106♦ 107♥ 108♠ 109♣ 110♦ 111♥ 112♠ 113♣ 114♦ 115♥ 116♠ 117♣ 118♦ 119♥ 120♠ 121♣ 122♦ 123♥ 124♠ 125♣ 126♦ 127♥ 128♠ 129♣ 130♦ 131♥ 132♠ 133♣ 134♦ 135♥ 136♠ 137♣ 138♦ 139♥ 140♠ 141♣ 142♦ 143♥ 144♠ 145♣ 146♦ 147♥ 148♠ 149♣ 150♦ 151♥ 152♠ 153♣ 154♦ 155♥ 156♠ 157♣ 158♦ 159♥ 160♠ 161♣ 162♦ 163♥ 164♠ 165♣ 166♦ 167♥ 168♠ 169♣ 170♦ 171♥ 172♠ 173♣ 174♦ 175♥ 176♠ 177♣ 178♦ 179♥ 180♠ 181♣ 182♦ 183♥ 184♠ 185♣ 186♦ 187♥ 188♠ 189♣ 190♦ 191♥ 192♠ 193♣ 194♦ 195♥ 196♠ 197♣ 198♦ 199♥ 200♠ 201♣ 202♦ 203♥ 204♠ 205♣ 206♦ 207♥ 208♠ 209♣ 210♦ 211♥ 212♠ 213♣ 214♦ 215♥ 216♠ 217♣ 218♦ 219♥ 220♠ 221♣ 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AID FOR RUSSIA

THE announcement that a wing of the Royal Air Force is already functioning in Russia is good news. This latest contribution to the Soviet Union's war effort is perhaps the best answer to those doubters who were recently accused by Mr. Churchill of speaking "as though nothing were being done" to supplement his promise that Britain would assist Russia as far as it lay in her power. This aid would be given, though it would mean a "definite reduction in military supplies from America on which we had counted," he declared.

The arrival in Russia of a wing of the Royal Air Force, significant as it may be, by no means constitutes the first or only step taken to assist Britain's new ally. Immediately after the outbreak of hostilities a military mission was sent to Moscow and has been there ever since. Figures, for obvious reasons, are withheld, but it is a known fact that large stocks of war materials have already reached Russia. A combined British and American economic mission is also ready to go to the U.S.S.R. in order to study the needs and problems from the point of view of raw materials. In the meantime wool, rubber, jute, etc., are even now arriving at Soviet ports, including a not insignificant cargo of 6,000 tons of tin.

The problem of maintaining a continuous flow of supplies into the Soviet Union centres very largely upon the question of shipping. The shortage of shipping space has been acute for some months past and will not be eased by the new demands now being made. The lack of good entry ports is another problem which has to be overcome. Archangel in the White Sea, carries unpleasant memories of winter ice, and the difficulties of transport from there to the actual battle front during the winter months, would be great indeed. The Vladivostok route means that over 7,000 miles of railway must be negotiated before the needed supplies could be disposed of. There is also the danger of this port becoming choked by an accumulation of material impossible to handle with the inadequate transport facilities offered by the Trans-Siberian railway. The Persian Gulf route, now available, appears to give the greatest promise of utility. Report has it that several points for disembarkation are available. It is sufficiently near to Malaya and India to give promise of good results, and it is also here, as Mr. Churchill pointed out, "that American supplies can be carried into the centre of Russia in an ever-widening flow." It is true that some 500 miles from the Gulf across Iran to the Caspian Sea have to be traversed before the material actually reaches Russian soil, but once on the Volga a steady stream to every part of the front can be maintained. This stream has already started flowing and with Britain and America's recognition that the Soviet needs must be met at all costs, be it by land or sea, it is not that any difficulties will be allowed to hamper its course.

U.S. Has Right to Convoy Ships

By LORD STRABOLGI

WHEN the Lease-Lend Bill was under debate, an amendment was defeated which would have had the effect of preventing American warships conveying American merchant ships. The State Department was on strong ground here, as the right of a neutral state during war to convoy its own merchant ships under guard of its own warships is well recognised in international law.

The modern idea that all international law is abrogated in wartime is erroneous and this is particularly true in regard to oceans. The high-seas are the highways of all nations and neutrals have every right to use them.

Returning to the right to convoy: The controversy has existed in regard to it for nearly 300 years. While recognising the right, successive British governments have claimed the privilege of making certain that convoyed neutral merchant ships did not carry contraband or members of armed forces of their opponents.

In 1918, during the World War, the Dutch Government proposed to convoy Dutch merchant ships to the East Indies. The British Government admitted the right to convoy but claimed the right to search, in order to make sure that these merchant vessels were not engaged in enemy trade.

The Continental doctrine, which has been stoutly maintained by Germany, is that the captain of the conveying warship makes himself responsible that merchant ships in his charge are not carrying goods or persons rendering them liable to seizure, and no right to inspect merchant ships can be claimed. The American Government, therefore, would be within its full rights in conveying its own merchant ships. This is beyond dispute.

This recognised principle also applies to the Vichy government, if Admiral Darlan's proposal to escort French merchant ships is put into practice. The British Government would only be following its own precedents in claiming the right to visit and search French cargo ships so convoyed. There exists ample precedents for neutral convoys and belligerent rights.

In 1653, England and Holland were at war. Queen Christina of Sweden ordered her warships to convoy merchant vessels under the Swedish flag and declared they were not to be searched. This declaration was not accepted by the English. The 1654 Peace of Westminster put an end to the controversy.

The Dutch in their turn claimed the right to convoy their merchant ships, and after much controversy agreed that papers should be carried aboard the conveying man-of-war and exhibited to any English cruiser intercepting the convoy. If the papers showed that contraband was included in the cargoes, the vessels concerned might be seized.

The same principle exists in thirteen treaties concluded between the United States and various other powers, including the American treaty with Italy of 1870. That is to say, the Italians agreed that when the United States is at war with a belligerent, Italian cruisers will accept assurances of the captain of a conveying American warship that his charges are not carrying contraband.

Naval regulations were officially issued before the present war by Germany and Italy that commanders of German and Italian cruisers be directed to accept assurances of neutral con-

voying officers as to the innocence of neutral ships in their charge.

What the German warships will not have the right to do and what they never had the right to do, is to attack merchant ships of any nationality, whether under convoy or sailing independently, without the recognised formalities of visit and search.

The right of American or any other neutral government to convoy its own merchant ships is undoubted and any departure from the recognised procedure by German or Italian warships towards such convoy would be an act of hostility. Even if American merchant ships were laden with weapons of war or aeroplanes, formalities of visit and search would have to be observed.

NAZI CONQUEST OF ROME

This article, describing conditions in Rome with the Nazis in full control, is by the "New Yorker's" correspondent in the Italian capital, whose identity must be concealed under the initials "J.S."

THE Germans, as you have perhaps already suspected, are getting into the Italians' hair. There are Nazis to right and Nazis to left—from 15,000 to 25,000 of them in Rome alone, counting both the smartly-dressed military and the civilians in their ersatz mufti.

Uniformed Nazis, "heiling" one another from table to table; crowd such popular restaurants and cafes as Alfredo's, the Fagiano, Berardo's and Rosati's on the Via Veneto. Italians still frequent these places, but they do not like their guests. For one thing, the Germans are using their "tourist marks," which are worth what Hitler says they are, to buy up the little that the stores have left to offer; for another, next to being bombed by the British, the Italians' greatest fear is that this is the beginning of a thoroughgoing occupation of their country by Berlin. Judging from the rumours one hears, there are a quarter of a million German troops, more or less, in Italy to-day.

Not Yet Bombed

WHATEVER their numbers, the Nazis are running everything here right now. Their first job upon taking over was to teach the Italian Anti-Aircraft Corps how to shoot. The Fascist gunners had been having a terrible time of it. They did not know how to set the fuses of their shells or otherwise get along with their equipment, and they were being maimed and killed at an alarming rate by the bullets going the wrong way! The German instructors have done a good deal of work to cut down these casualties, at least in practice drills. Whether or not their lessons will be remembered under the trying conditions of a real air raid remains to be seen. Rome has yet to be bombed.

The Italians dread an air raid, and with reason. The Government has done practically nothing about protecting its citizens from such an attack, and it is easy to believe that if Rome were heavily bombed, there would be a fearful panic.

BENITO'S NEW JOB?

By Billiken



According to press reports, Axis winter plans are believed to include the supply of cold-weather clothing for their forces in Russia.

Some people here are also convinced that an all-out British raid would be followed by a stampede to the ranks of the ever-enlarging group of active anti-Fascists.

At the beginning of the war there was much bustle over the building of air-raid shelters, and when the excitement subsided Rome had a number of them—all made of wood! They were simply shacks propped up against walls, and one of the first things the Nazis did after arriving was to condemn them as useless and order them to be torn down.

Paper Sandbags

ABOUT six months ago, when the Romans were still trying to manage their own affairs, it was decided that the famous Galleria Colonna, with its arcades, shops and cafes, would make an admirable community shelter, and Mussolini's W.P.A. (Works Progress Administration, which provides work for the unemployed) set about fixing it up as one.

First came carpenters who put down wooden floors and built a lot of wooden partitions and benches; they were followed by waggon-load after waggon-load of sandbags which were piled up around the outside and looked very impressive except that they were made of paper.

Just before the place was to open for inspection it occurred to someone that paper would not last long in the spring rains and there was a delay while the carpenters came back and put up wooden walls to protect the sandbags.

The walls were more than the Fascist propagandists could resist and there was a further wait it. They did not know how to set the fuses of their shells or otherwise get along with their equipment, and they were being maimed and killed at an alarming rate by the bullets going the wrong way! The German instructors have done a good deal of work to cut down these casualties, at least in practice drills. Whether or not their lessons will be remembered under the trying conditions of a real air raid remains to be seen. Rome has yet to be bombed.

Crazy Maze

THEY found a crazy maze of wooden corridors, twisting this way and that with no apparent purpose, and usually winding up in a dead end, and it was not long before one began to hear jokes about people getting lost in the Galleria.

The reaction of the Nazi ex-Government commander, his part to Rome's best effort in car without warning.

couraging to the local authorities. When the Germans arrived they ripped out all of the corridors and benches, and removed the disintegrating sandbags, leaving nothing of the Fascist handiwork except the outside walls and the posters. About the only Fascist air raid preparations with which the Nazis have seemed to be satisfied are the strips of paper pasted on the store windows to keep glass from flying around in the event of bombs falling nearby.

The Germans may not have much faith in these strips, but they admire the taste of the Italian shoopkeepers who have arranged them to form swastikas and to spell out "Viva Il Duce"—"Der Fuehrer."

Can't Get Rubber

NOW that the Galleria has been stripped of most of its war-time trimmings it is again possible to see the show window of the Fiat establishment there. Of three magnificent automobiles lined up in it for public inspection, one, a black sedan with red wheels, is particularly attractive, and, by American standards, reasonably priced. A neatly lettered sign beside it on the showroom floor reads "Prezzo 80,180 lire senza gomme," which means "that since the lire is still worth five cents, that car is yours for 1,509 dollars. It also means that the car is yours without tyres, and here's the hitch for you simply cannot buy a new tyre in Italy, to-day. You cannot even get an inner tube patched unless you can supply the garage man with the necessary morsel of rubber, and some people are finding that their old hot water bottles come handy for this purpose.

There is not much incentive to own a car, anyway, for you are allowed only five gallons of gasoline per month (at one dollar 25 cents per gallon) and you cannot operate it after 10 o'clock in the evening, which is when you might want it most as public conveyances are hard to find at night.

Some people are buying automobiles and putting them up on jacks, looking towards the time when the war will be over. There is little else in which to invest money these days and there is always a chance that cars will increase in value if, in the future, Italy has even fewer than she has now.

Of course, any purchaser must be prepared to have the Government commander, his part to Rome's best effort in car without warning.

THIS MORNING'S A.R.P. INQUIRY: DETAILED REPORT OF EVIDENCE

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from Kin Lee and Company for transportation work. Did you know any safe where money could be kept?—There was a safe, but it belonged to the principal tenants. Did the principal tenants tell you what rent these two companies paid them for this space?—No, they did not say. Had he heard of the Wan Tung Company?—Yes. Did he tell you who came to the office?—He said that a woman went there two days ago. Did he say if he saw any clerks there?—No, he did not. Did this principal tenant say whether it was only this woman who came?—That was the only person he mentioned who ever went there. Did you tell the principal tenant what you had come about?—I said that I wished to search the premises. Did he express surprise that this was the head office of these two firms?—No.

Mr Carman's Evidence

Mr W. F. Carman, Managing Director of Maraman Hongkong China Ltd, was the next witness. He had previously completed his evidence except for certain items on which he promised to let the Commission have the information.

The Chairman: Mr Carman, you said that you would get further information about the questions which had been previously asked. Perhaps it would shorten proceedings if you told us what you have brought and give us your explanation.

Mr Carman: The question about the Monroe calculating machine from the Office Appliance Co. At the start of the job, there were only two Monroe calculators in the office. Later, it became necessary to have a calculator for checking up tunnelling damage which was classified as part of the tunnelling operations. It was taken up and approved of by the P.W.D.

With reference to Leigh and Orange, I said that they were called in by us on behalf of the P. W. D. which is incorrect. The fact of the situation was the Leigh and Orange notified the P. W. D. of the damage done to a godown of their clients and under the date of October 23, the P.W.D. addressed a letter to Leigh and Orange accepting responsibility for the damage done by blasting operations and approving the sum of \$40 for repairs. It also stated that as the tunnelling work was now 30 feet from the surface no further damage was anticipated. The letter also asked Leigh and Orange to submit their account to Maraman's and was signed by C. E. Bishop.

The Chairman: Why was it necessary to submit the account to your firm? Leigh and Orange were dealing directly with the P.W.D.?—All costs on the tunnelling job were paid by us. It was charged through you and 10 per cent, was charged on it—Yes.

Questions Answered

Mr Carman: You asked for a complete list of timber merchants with whom we had dealings and the question came up and the word "previously" was used. In giving my instructions to the engineers, I asked for a list of the timber merchants with whom we had dealings with prior to as well as during the tunnelling job. That list was incorrect.

The Chairman: There were two timber merchants? The Wing Tai Chung, of 30 Connaught Road Central, and the Wong Tong Kee, of 2 Wal Ching Street, Kowloon. Since the tunnelling job started, you dealt with these two firms previously mentioned and eight others?—Yes.

You yourself don't know any particulars of these firms?—No.

Mr Carman: You asked a question whether the Kwan Hip Shing had made an offer to us, or whether we made an offer to them. On February 10, we received a quotation from the Kwan Hip Shing offering us 5,000 pieces of hardwood sleepers at \$3.80 per piece for their godown at Sham Shui Po. On February 11, we purchased 5,000 hardwood sleepers from them at \$3.80 but we finally only took delivery of 3,500 sleepers, rejecting 1,500.

Verbal Agreement

Another question was who paid the passages for the Filipino shift-bosses. Due to the necessity of having skilled labour, the job at that time no Chinese were trained in this work. It was verbally agreed with the P.W.D.

The Chairman: Which particular person in the P.W.D.?—In a memorandum to Mr Campbell on November 28, the matter was placed before him and was approved of by him. It was verbally agreed with Mr Campbell then. The memorandum was submitted to him and verbally agreed to by Mr Campbell.

There is nothing in writing?—He approved of the memorandum. (This was produced and bore "O.K." and the initials "A.G.C.")

Shift Bosses

Mr Carman: Another question you asked was whether there was any written authority from Mr Pearce, Mr Bishop and Mr Campbell to house the Filipino shift-bosses in the Kowloon Hotel. There was no written authority. This was agreed to by Mr Campbell and a bill approving this was signed and paid for by Government.

Another question you asked was whether we had some tunnels entirely completed and to detail them. Sites Nos. 2, 9, Arsenal Street and Electric Power Station are completed and can house 17,500 persons. They are completed with two shafts, mechanical ventilation and improvements in lighting, drainage, heating, ventilation, emergency lighting, fire-fighting, and central gates.

The Chairman: Have they got any sanitary arrangements installed?—No, they have not. But everything is ready. Spaces for them have been provided.

Other Sites

Continuing, Mr Carman said: Sites Nos. 6 and 7 at South Lane. The total footings here is 3,200 and they can accommodate 10,000 persons and are complete with two shafts, mechanical ventilation and some improvements as mentioned above. Sites Nos. 1 and 13 have a total footings of 2,500 and can accommodate 8,000 persons complete with shaft, mechanical ventilation and some improvements as above with the exception of emergency lighting. However, it has been arranged for all lamps which have been purchased. Sites Nos. 33 and 10 consist of a total footings of approximately 10,000 feet and can accommodate 30,000 people complete with shafts, two exhaust fans and improvements as enumerated above without emergency lighting. On all other sites, with the exception of Aberdeen, tunnelling has been completed and can accommodate two-thirds of the total capacity for a period of eight to fifteen hours and as soon as mechanical ventilation is installed, the sites will be able to accommodate their full capacity for 24 hours.

Length Of Use

You also asked a question as to how many could accommodate people for 24 hours. This is a very rigid requirement. At the start of the job it was never anticipated how large was the number of people the tunnels can shelter. Originally, the scheme was more or less on the Chungking idea where people could take refuge for two to three hours at a time.

The Chairman: Who gave the information that it can accommodate two-thirds capacity for eight to fifteen hours?—It was calculated by our engineers who had studied the problem. The ventilation of the tunnels is a comparatively simple problem.

The statement was made by your own engineers?—The data were checked with A.R.P. data supplied to us. The matter has been studied so that it is not only the statement of our engineers, but has been agreed upon by P.W.D. engineers and ourselves.

Did the P.W.D. engineers agree with your statement that they can accommodate people from eight to fifteen hours?—I cannot say.

Practical Test

No practical test was made, was there?—Shortly after the job started in October, we ran a test to determine how long could people stay in the tunnels. The reason for the test was that the original plan was to make U-shaped tunnels with cross-cuts so that you would have through ventilation, similar to mine ventilation but in running this, time was wasted and in order to determine how much tunnel could be used in case of an emergency, we ran these blind tests. They were for those sections of tunnels that had not been completed so that at each site, tunnels can be used in the event of an emergency.

You said that your engineers said that two-thirds of capacity could be used for eight to fifteen hours. I am referring to that particular tunnel. No practical test has taken place there?—Not in that particular tunnel. We have not made a complete test on any tunnel aside from the first test.

The statement you made then is a theoretical one?—Yes.

Ventilation

Mr Carman: The next question is, how many sites have ventilation shafts. All except sites Nos. 8 and 16 which will be ventilated by the duct system. We have altogether 13 shafts and 13 shafts, and four rises to be used instead of shafts.

Continuing Mr Carman said: The next question was, how many ventilation fans are worked by machinery, that has been answered above.

Mr Carman: You asked how many tunnels are completed that can house people on a basis of 24 hours. At the present time there is a tunnel with accommodation for approximately 130,000 people on a 24-hour basis. When the mechanical ventilation has been installed in all the sites this amount can be brought up to approximately 200,000 people.

The Chairman: On whose authority did you make that statement?

Mr Carman: Some by our own engineers.

Plans Continually Changed

The Chairman: Before you leave that, when you used the word "completed", are you in a position to say how many of these tunnels were completed, absolutely completed, before the inquiry started, or how many have been completed since the inquiry started?—The word "completed" is rather ambiguous. It depends entirely on the decision of the Medical Department and the A.R.P. who are continually changing the plans and specifications and the manufacture of equipment.

The Chairman: So far as you and Maraman's are concerned, they have been completed?—Yes.

You are not in a position to say that they had been completed for the total accommodation for which they are meant, as a lot depended on the Medical and A.R.P. requirements?—The original scheme was for the tunnel in which people could hide out. The improvements have increased to a number of people they could hold so that it was very difficult.

Let us crystallise by saying that as hide-outs they are completed?—Yes.

All Tunnels Usable

So far as A.R.P. tunnels are concerned, there is no doubt that in an emergency all these tunnels would be used?—Hide-outs and tunnels are two different things, but they can be used.

You would not suggest any of them can compare with A.R.P. tunnels?—No, they would not.

Continuing his evidence, Mr Carman said: You brought up the question of salaries amounting to \$13,072.01. That was for the month ending July 31, 1941.

Charging 10 Per Cent

Referring to items bought and sold to Kin Lee, Mr Carman said: You asked the question as to whether 10 per cent, was charged on items bought and sold to them. When the question of Kin Lee came up we were requested to supply them with equipment. The matter was brought to my attention and discussed and I maintained that while we purchased certain equipment in Hongkong and Manila we were entitled to 10 per cent. Subsequent conversations between Mr Lavozy and Mr Campbell resulted in our agreeing not to charge on the items delivered to Kin Lee. This policy was pursued throughout.

The Chairman: Your purchases from Kin Lee—did you charge 10 per cent?—Yes.

Mr Carman:—Your next question was, what is the highest capital value of Maraman's plant hired to Government. The highest at any one time was in January 1941, amounting to \$27,200. The lowest was in May, \$15,050.

Mr Carman:—The question asked was on the arrangement for hire of plant from Hongkong Mines to P.W.D.—was this made verbally or in writing? On October 2 we submitted to the P.W.D., through Mr Campbell a list of equipment that we had acquired through hiring and purchasing for the job. This was officially sent to Mr Pearce under cover of our letter of October 4. This memorandum covered the hire of equipment from Hongkong Mines as well as certain equipment that we had purchased on a 50 per cent, amortisation basis for the job, and on the equipment we purchased we were prepared to take back at 30 per cent, of its value if the job did not continue past the experimental stage.

Hongkong Mines

This arrangement was confirmed by P.W.D.'s letter to us dated November 1, 1940. As Mr Campbell felt that the rate of hire as submitted by the Hongkong Mines was high, the matter was referred to Mr Pearce who subsequently took up the matter with me. As the Hongkong Mines were giving us equipment that was per manent plant in their mine, they would not reduce the rental, and it was agreed that the prices as requested by them be accepted by Government. In January, the matter again came up for review but as I had not been successful in arranging any reduction of their charges I suggested that we should take the matter up directly with the Hongkong Mines, which he did. This resulted in an understanding whereby they reduced the rental to \$3,450, the arrangement being confirmed by P.W.D. and the Hongkong Mines in writing. We therefore had nothing to do with this arrangement.

The Chairman: The Hongkong Mines?—Mr Carman:—They are mining concern in Hongkong operating mine properties in the New Territories. Anything to do with Maraman's?—Nothing whatsoever.

Concrete Blocks

Continuing, Mr Carman said: The next question asked was, when did we start the tunnel at Belcher Street. We started in October 1940, but the scheme was extended materially from time to time.

The Chairman: It is still being extended?—Yes.

Mr Carman: The next question was, have we anything in writing regarding concrete blocks. On our part, various memoranda were changed between Mr de Broekert and Mr Campbell. This covered preliminary work during experimental periods and finalised in our memorandum to Mr Campbell dated March 12 to which he replied on March 14 agreeing in principle to our suggestions that we should use concrete blocks to proceed with the manufacture of these arches and to the terms outlined by Mr de Broekert on the question of transportation. Subsequently this matter of transportation was discussed between Mr Campbell and ourselves and it was agreed that one original figure of 20 cents would stand. The production of arches was commenced and delivered and the bill approved by Mr Campbell, the rates being similarly mentioned in my former testimony.

Overloading

Relating to the question of overloading of trucks, Mr Carman said: From the very start of the job, we were hampered by the slow removal of trucks from the tunnels. Mr de Broekert took up the matter with Mr Campbell who in turn discussed it with the P.W.D. and resulted in their requesting us to write to the Police Traffic Department on September 23, 1940.

The letter read by Mr Carman was as follows: "On an arrangement with the P.W.D. we have proceeded to dig tunnels in several places in the Colony. The excavated material will be removed to Government quarries at North Point, Reclamation at North Point and reclamation at Kennedy Town. You will understand that this tunnel is proceeding as fast as possible and the disposal of broken earth and rock presents a difficult problem particularly as the cost has to be kept low. It will help to speed up work and decrease cost if you will allow lorries engaged by us for transportation to be loaded to their full capacity which is, as a rule, higher than the load licensed for, and we shall be obliged if you can give us the necessary permits to do so. Each lorry engaged on the above work carries a permit issued by the Board of Engineers, P.W.D., dated 1st January 1941, Town of North Point, Reclamation at North Point, Kennedy Town, etc."

Mr Carman: You further asked what technical reason held up the Wyndham Street tunnel. The construction of an improved type of shaft entrance and the leakage of the storm water-drain that was under the street at that point was a very difficult piece of engineering and involved considerable discussion between the Departments before it could be installed.

There is a cancellation of a voucher for \$1,624.50 which you say was charged for tunnels. I was asked whether this was paid twice and whether I was refunded. This item was included in the disbursement statement dated February 10 to 28 "Twice in error" and was credited back to the P.W.D. in disbursement sheet dated March 9 to 31.

The Chairman: You were paid twice and you charged ten per cent, on each?—I presume so.

And when you received one payment back to Government, did you credit them back with ten per cent, that you previously charged?—Yes.

Mr Carman: You wanted to know what an item saying V.G. Evans, \$3.20, was for. That was for travelling expenses for Mr Evans who was a supervisor and was for the period March 25 to April 30.

Value of Plant

Mr Carman: You also wanted to know the value of plant purchased in August. We have not full details but it is believed the figure is \$13,000. This concluded Mr Carman's evidence.

The Chairman: I am going to ask you a question not as Mr Carman but as Managing Director of Maraman's. A statement has been made that Maraman's has been made a P.W.D. employee by Maraman's last. Christy Maraman has been asked anything

ed a reply from the Police Department?—Yes. We received a reply under date of September 20, 1940, advising us that they would permit overloading to the extent of 50 per cent, on the lower levels. The letter was signed by Mr Bidmead, for the then Acting Commissioner of Police.

So that the Police Commissioner gives you permission for breaking the laws?—I certainly don't understand why we were breaking the law if the Police agreed to change the weight load.

The law is there, overloading is an offence. The Commissioner of Police at that time gave you permission to commit a breach of that law; you could not have done it without this permission?—No.

Inoculation

Mr Carman: Another question you asked was, could not Government Medical Officers carry out inoculation of tunnel workers. We informed Mr Campbell that our tunnel workers should be inoculated against cholera. The P.W.D. took the matter up with the Medical Department, who stated that they could not send medical officers to the sites but they would be glad to inoculate our workmen at various Government inoculation centres in the Colony. This was impossible for many of the men objected to the inoculation.

Secondly, it would take them away from their work and hinder the progress of driving. It was also impossible for us to round up all the workmen and take them to the various centres. Therefore, I took the matter up with Mr Pearce and told him that I was very much concerned over the cholera epidemic. It was reported that one of our workmen had died and the Medical Department might close down certain sections of the tunnels. After discussions between the Medical Department and myself it was agreed that they would supply the vaccine if we would employ our own doctors.

Mr Pearce was told of this and he gave authority to have the men inoculated. They were subsequently inoculated as they received their pay.

The Chairman: The Medical Department could not send officers to the sites to inoculate the workmen and that is why you had to employ outside doctors to do it?—Yes.

Mr Carman: Another question asked was whether an item of \$3,270.53, International Assurance Company, was for the whole year. Insurance premium is figured on a number of men employed and that varies from time to time. The sum of \$3,270.53 represents the amount of insurance paid, during the six months from December, 1940, to May, 1941.

Insurance Policies

Mr Carman: I was asked to produce any credit in regard to accident and hospital charge which the Government has been credited with, including ten per cent, charged. To clear up any misunderstanding, I will say the policy is a group of insurance policies which covers (1) death, (2) loss of limbs or eyes, (3) temporary disability up to a period of twelve months as from date of the accident but does not cover ambulance and hospital bills which are charged to the job and on which we receive ten per cent.

The Chairman: Your policy does not cover that?—In the disbursement statement for February 15, the last item is a credit note for \$230.57, being compensation for accidents to four men, which was deducted from that disbursement sheet and which shows that we did not receive ten per cent.

And when on the money refunded by the insurance company.

Compensation To Widow

Mr Carman: You also asked why I paid compensation to the widow of Tam Fong. That is a custom of all companies in Hongkong to pay compensation to the next-of-kin of workmen who dies whilst in their employ. We paid \$1,600 to the widow of Mr Fong, and this appears in our disbursement sheets for the half-month ending April 30. Authorisation for this payment was received from the Executive Engineer of the Waterworks in a memorandum dated May 2.

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Mr Davidson intervened and said that the question should be accompanied by the usual warning. The Chairman: I am talking to him as Managing Director.

Mr Carman: I am afraid I have to decline to answer that question as it may tend to incriminate the firm. The Chairman: You are not prepared to answer it?—The question in itself is such that it may tend to incriminate the firm.

Therefore you are not prepared to answer it as Managing Director, and I do not wish you to answer if you don't want to. (There was no answer).

Subscription To Club

Do you know whether Maraman's has ever made a subscription towards the formation of an A.R.P. club?—Yes.

What amount did they subscribe?—We made a subscription and I think the amount was \$1,000.

To whom did you send the money?—By cheque to Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins.

Do you know Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins?—I do.

How long?—I met him in the latter part of November, 1940.

Have you seen him often?—I have seen the Wing-Comdr on occasions at 11th at Hongkong Hotel, not more than three or four times at the most.

Have you ever asked him to dinner?—Once.

When was that?—After I had heard he was to be transferred to India.

Was Mimi Lau there?—Yes, she was.

Who else were there?—The occasion arose through my asking the Wing-Comdr if I could entertain him before he left for India, and he said that he was very busy and did not like to go to regular restaurants and so we went to the Cafe de China in China Road.

As Mr Carman was beginning to mention the names of the other people, the Chairman interrupted to say that the Commissioners were not asking for them. Mr Tinson, however, wanted to learn the names, and three were mentioned by Mr Carman, viz: Mr and Mrs Lloyd and Mr Thosau.

Mr Tinson Protests

Mr Tinson: I would like to say you asked as to whether Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins was there, which can only mean an insinuation if you asked if one other person was also there, and then you did not ask for the names of the other people.

Chairman: Insinuation of what? Mr Tinson: Of saying one other person was there and then not wanting to know the names of the others.

Chairman: I said I did not want the names, but you then said you would want them, and you are having them.

Mr Carman: There is one last question which is in regard to the works order and the reason for Mr Campbell's selecting this contract. The reason why he selected Ling Nam Construction Company was their combining prices were cheaper than those of the other men.

Chan Kwong-wai an employee of the Kin Lee Company was the next witness. He was questioned at length regarding his connection with the firm, which he said was in the capacity of a clerk looking after a portion of the books. He said he also paid off workmen of the Kin Lee on pay day, but admitted he kept no record of payments made. The largest number of workmen whom he paid was between 130-140 people.

Inquiry then adjourned to 3.30 p.m. when Mr Blake promised to bring two other employees of the Kin Lee firm who were connected with the payment of workmen wages and in the keeping of the firm's books.

Trinidad Takes On U. S. Air

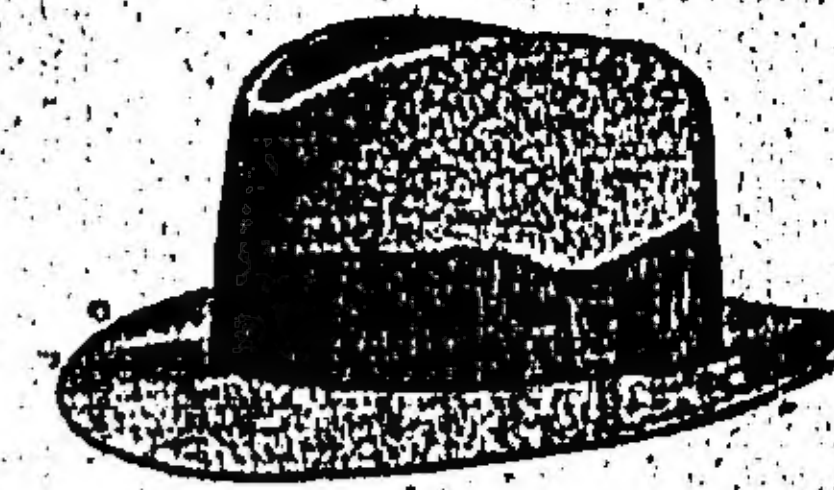
PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad.—So many American soldiers are stationed on this British Island, so many American ships are anchored in the harbour, and so many American labourers are working on the new United States base that Trinidad today looks almost more American than British.

This is one of the bases acquired in the trade for 50 destroyers. In fact, many restaurants, movies and shops have changed their signs to include the word "American" in the first name.

"First we were a Spanish colony, then French, then British," a native shopkeeper said. "Now maybe we're on the way to becoming an American colony."

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Around The Courses Peculiarities Of Players And Clubs

Brother Batteries In Baseball

BROTHER BATTERIES in the major leagues are something of a rarity, but it begins to look as though the Cooper boys, Mort and Walker, are destined to give the St. Louis Cardinals such a combination for some time to come. Walker, the catcher, came up from Columbus to join his older brother and is rated one of the freshest finds of the current campaign.

The Cooper boys first teamed up back in Atherton, Mo., but did not work together as a battery in professional baseball until late in 1938 at Houston, Texas.

Mort scored a 6-0 shut-out at the expense of Tulsa on that occasion, and history repeated itself when the pair was reunited on the closing day of last season as members of the Cardinals.

That day, Mort beat the Chicago Cubs by the same score—6-0.

The father of the boys, Robert Cooper, was a fine semi-pro pitcher in his youth and might have won big league fame had he not decided to settle down to a job as rural mail carrier and be content with raising a family.

Encouraged At School

WALKER can thank one of his school teachers in Atherton, one Frances Montgomery, for the decision that made him a catcher.

Miss Montgomery, who helped conduct athletics in the Atherton Junior high school in addition to her teaching duties, took an interest in the husky Walker and handed him a catcher's pads and glove.

Mort was the star pitcher on the team and Walker jumped at the chance to work with his brother.

The catcher of the Cooper family, a big fellow, stands 6-foot-5 and weighs close to 200 pounds. He caught 130 games in the American Association last season and batted .302. His big bat has helped win several games for his brother, this season.

Mort likes to work with his brother behind the plate. Last season he won 12 games for the Cardinals. He is 27, one year older than Walker.

With the flying start he has made this season, it would not be at all surprising to see him crash the magic circle of 20-game winners.

"Y" Hockey Practice

The Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will hold their first hockey practice match on the "Y" ground, King's Park, on Saturday, September 20 at 4 p.m.

Players are requested to take along both Club and White shirts.



ARMS AND THE MAN—Bob Feller's mighty pitching arm seems fit enough to tote a Garand rifle, judging from report by Dr. Michael Geraci, left, who examined the ace hurler. He'll probably be deferred until baseball season is over.

International Rivalry At Marbles!

LONDON, Sept.—Although International sport has suffered severely in these War days, the presence in Great Britain of sportsmen from various parts of the world has in other cases added to the friendly rivalry.

The Inter-Allied services football Cup event was highly successful and there is now news that members of the Canadian and Newfoundland forces will give a touch of International rivalry to the Marbles championship.

Marbles may not be one of the premier sports, but its championship traditions go back 300 years at the Greyhound Inn, Tinsley Green, Sussex.

Tinsley Green have been champions many times, but when last held, the title went to a team of business from nearby Crawley.

Eton's Playing Fields

The idea of baseball being played on the playing fields of Eton may cause some turning in the graves of old Etonians but Canadian soldiers produced this state of affairs when, following a Bren gun carrier demonstration, they remained to play a few innings.

The shock of baseball on the famous playing fields was not so much a surprise as were the cries of "Well played sir," "Attaboy" which soon issued from the mouths of top-hatted Etonians who were not long in picking up the rules of the game.

Major Baseball

Brooklyn Beaten By Cincinnati

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (UP)—Brooklyn Dodgers succumbed 2-4 to Cincinnati Reds in an 11-innings struggle in the National Baseball League to-day, but have still a three-game lead over St. Louis Cardinals in the battle for the pennant.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn..... 2 0 1
Cincinnati..... 4 12 4
Brooklyn..... 2 0 1
Cincinnati..... 4 12 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE
St. Louis..... 0 10 3
Detroit..... 0 10 3
Cleveland..... 0 10 3

Notes on Rule 2
This rule applies to non-resident banks operating in Hongkong.

Paragraph 2.—It is expected that the accounts of the Hongkong branches of banks will be sufficiently accurate for the computation of the profits of the branch to be based upon them.

Where, however, either no branch accounts are prepared, or the Hongkong branch accounts are so merged with the accounts of other branches as to make it difficult to compute the true profits provision is made for the profits to be ascertained by apportioning the total profits of the bank in the ratio of the Hongkong assets to total assets.

LONDON, Sept. 16 (British Wire)—The Duke of Kent will broadcast in the six o'clock news on Wednesday. His talk will be heard throughout the Empire.

Athletics To Celebrate Emperor's Birth
TOKYO, Sept. 16 (Domei)—The Twelfth National Athletic Meet dedicated to the birth of the Emperor will be held at the Shinjuku Stadium in Tokyo from October 31 to November 3, the National Festival of the birth of Emperor Meiji.

In addition to usual athletic events, the meet will be featured by new events designed to train in the art of national defence, while table tennis, hockey, weight-lifting and ball-passing will be abolished this year.

The Ministry of Public Welfare has permitted the Central China Athletic Association to send its delegates to the meet. Arrangements for the organization of the meet are being made through the Foreign Office.

Whippy Shafts In The Hands Of Hitters Chinese Caddie Eulogised

(By "Birdie")

THE HIGH WIND of the week-end and the past few days has made golf interesting to say the least. But it is a great teacher, for nothing accentuates the slightest slice or hook as much as hitting into the wind. The ball careens round in most graceful parabolas, and if the shot is hard enough it will end by running almost at right-angles to the proper direction.

It is a great test, too, of judgment, for this is an important part in the make-up of a good player. The estimation of distances, however, is best improved by playing on as many different courses as possible.

At Kowloon, for instance, the hills and generally confined space makes it a far simpler job to judge the length to the hole than it is at the Country Club, Sheungshui, say, where the ground is flatter and more open.

It was only a little while ago I was playing with a Kowloon member at the Country Club, and on the second hole, which is long and flatish, he was stumped when it came to making his second shot. It was really a No. 7 shot, but he was toying with the idea of using his No. 6! And he wasn't a weak hitter.

On a flat course, distances are inclined to be exaggerated in perspective.

But talking of slices, one of the most touching sights is that of an out-and-out hitter using very whippy clubs. He smites from the top with such terrific force that the clubhead never has a chance of catching up with the hands, and the ball shoots off in the direction of mid-off with a glorious slice that ends up around cover-point.

For him, unless he re-models his swing (1), must always be the stiff-shafted club.

Golf is a two-handed game, and the right plays its part, but it is a delayed action, coming into use only after the club has been brought down by the left into the hitting position which is about a foot or so behind the ball.

From there the might of the right makes itself apparent in providing the acceleration of the clubhead through the moment of hitting the ball.

Your snifter has invariably the palm grip. That is, it is clutched against the palms of the hands. The other extreme is the player who employs the finger grip, the fingers being less rigid and more elastic.

The majority of the better players take to the happy medium.

Jimmy Thomson, the longest hitter in the game to-day, slashes into the ball with his right hand like nobody's business, but he times it all. He is not consistently accurate, however, for which reason, the American professionals, in a recent selection of an all-American team, chose Ben Hogan, even over Sam Snead, as best with the driver.

Prodigious distance from the tee, while nice to have, is not an essential, for one of the axioms of golf is that it is second, and possibly third, shots that count, and there is no denying its truth.

The golfer who is straight and consistent with even moderate distances is the one who must enter calculations in a match.

THE caddie trouble at the Kowloon Golf Club a little while ago, which, incidentally, has been completely settled, brings to mind an article I read recently in the "Christian Science Monitor" on the "intelligence" of the caddie in the Far East.

Discussing the "look-see" caddie, whom the writer said, was in institution peculiar to China, the article eulogised the inherent intelligence that the caddie applies to his job. "He studies the player for the first two or three holes" and thereafter stations himself where he knows the peculiarities of the player will send the ball.

All I can say is that the writer must have been peculiarly fortunate.

SPORTS ADVT.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 27th September, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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By Order, B. A. SLEAP, Acting Secretary.

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War Taxation Rules For Depreciation & Banks

When the Legislative Council meets on Thursday next the Financial Secretary will move that Rules 1 and 2 made by the Board of War Taxation on August 11 be approved. These two rules provide a scale of depreciation in connection with property liable to war taxation and give the method of ascertaining and determining the profits on Hongkong branches of banks whose head office is outside the Colony.

The following scale of depreciation is prescribed:

List of Rates
General rate where no special rate is prescribed, 7½ per cent, written down value; air conditioning plant 15 per cent; aircraft 30 per cent; bar syphon apparatus 25 per cent; bicycles 20 per cent; Brewing P/M 7½ per cent; buildings on prime cost: first class 2½ per cent, less substantial 5 per cent, wooden structures 10 per cent; cinema and photographic processing equipment 15 per cent; copper stills-distillery 12½ per cent; concrete pipe moulds 12½ per cent; fixtures 10 per cent; foundry plant 10 per cent; furniture 10 per cent; grill equipment 5 per cent; iron safes 5 per cent; linotype machinery 10 per cent; lighters 10 per cent; motor vehicles 25 per cent; motor launches 15 per cent; office equipment 12 per cent; oil-tanks 6 per cent; pumps and motors 10 per cent; pipe lines 10 per cent; refrigerating plant 12 per cent; sailing vessels 3 per cent; on prime cost: scales and gears 6 per cent; show cases 7½ per cent; ships 4 per cent; on prime cost; sprinklers 5 per cent; steam launches 10 per cent; steam winches 7½ per cent; tank lorries 25 per cent; tractors 25 per cent; trailers 5 per cent; tugs 4 per cent; on prime cost; type casting machinery 10 per cent; type and blocks 25 per cent.

Except where depreciation is noted on prime cost all other figures given apply to written down value.

Rule 1
Method of ascertainment and determination of profits of Hongkong branches of banks whose head office is outside the Colony.

In this rule unless the context otherwise requires, "Bank" means any person carrying on the business of a bank; "Bank" means any bank whose head office is outside this Colony; "Hongkong branch" means the business carried on in Hongkong by any such bank; "Other branch" means the business carried on by a bank in any place outside Hongkong, including that carried on at its principal place of business.

2. Where any branch is operated by a bank for its own purposes disclosed in the column of the Commission, the true profits of the Hongkong branch shall be ascertained by apportioning the total profits of the bank in the ratio of the Hongkong assets to total assets.

LONDON, Sept. 16 (British Wire)—The Duke of Kent will broadcast in the six o'clock news on Wednesday. His talk will be heard throughout the Empire.

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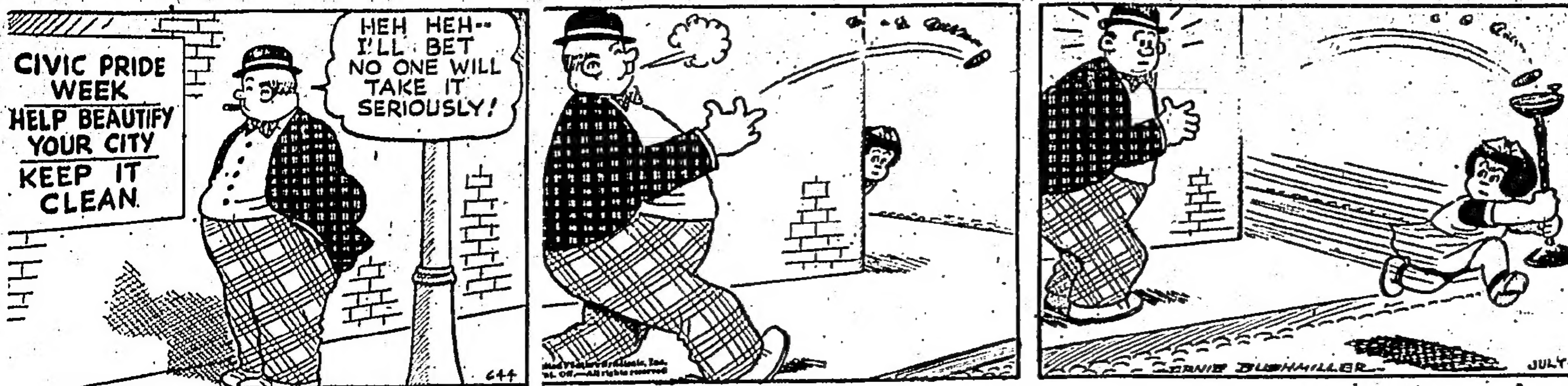
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EXTRAVAGANT NAZI WAR CLAIMS

Unconvincing Communiques
(War Commentary by "Analyst")

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The German communique indulges in some extravagant claims regarding prisoners captured, divisions destroyed and war material put out of action south of Lake Ilmen. The most significant feature of the German claim is the fact that the successes, according to the German High Command, have taken place over a period of the last few weeks.

This does not suggest that there has been a major battle with decisive result. It rather looks as though in the absence of a big concrete success, the Germans have added up their alleged local results, multiplied the whole by "x" and blazoned forth a shout of victory in order to keep up the morale of their own people and prepare them at the same time for news of considerable German losses.

Stubborn Resistance
Assuredly success cannot be achieved without sacrifices against such stubborn fighters as the Russians admittedly are. Therefore, despite identification of the number of the Russian armies alleged to have been smashed, the whole tenor of the German communique is unconvincing. There is no news from either side regarding the fighting in the central zone, but in the south the Germans claim to be advancing eastward on a broad front across the Dnieper River. This probably refers to the capture of Kremenchuk which the Russians admitted yesterday and where the situation seems subsequently to have become more or less stabilised.

The best criterion of the situation is the fact that neither Leningrad, Kiev nor Odessa seems to be unduly concerned about the situation.

Supper Carnival At Ritz

The committee organising the Supper Carnival at the Ritz, Quarry Bay, on Friday, September 19, have announced that a special charge of two dollars will be made after supper from 11.30 p.m. onwards. The Carnival opens at 7 p.m., and it is expected that swimming and roller skating will prove as popular as dancing and miniature golf. Proceeds are being devoted to the Society for the Protection of Children, at whose disposal Mr. Charles Gray has generously made the Ritz available for the event.

U. S. Defence Bill
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives today without the call of a vote promptly approved the \$200,000,000 compromise version of the Defence Tax Bill, thus clearing the way for final action to-morrow by the Senate.

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Leningrad Talks To London

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Leningrad and London are now talking on the air. In response to the Londoners' message broadcast a few days ago, Leningrad Radio today responded: "Listen, people of London: this is Leningrad calling. We thank you warmly for your greetings. We admire your courageous airmen, soldiers and sailors in fighting our common enemy—Nazi Germany."

"We shall ruthlessly avenge the innocent blood of the peaceful inhabitants of London, Coventry, Plymouth, Liverpool, Warsaw, Moscow and Leningrad."

The people of Leningrad are fighting the Fascist hordes with determination and fortitude. Your voice of friendship coming from the battlefield inspires us to new resistance till final victory."

Leningrad will talk to Leningrad through the B.B.C.

Jewish Declaration
LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—"In this struggle against barbarism, the Jewish community in Britain, as indeed the Jews of all free and freedom-loving countries, are greatly encouraged by the fact that the Jewish population of Russia, together with their fellow citizens of the Soviet Union, have wholeheartedly joined us."

The President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Professor Selig Brodetsky, makes this declaration in replying to a message received from a Jewish rally held in Moscow.

Terrific Fire Of New U. S. Fighters

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—"Two new developments which are just around the corner will add immeasurably to the striking power of American fighting planes," writes the "Wall Street Journal" to-day.

"One is the 20-millimetre gun which will fire from the wing of the plane instead of through the propeller and the other is a fire control device which will permit the use of range-finders in aeroplanes together with centralised control for multi-turret planes."

"This is a radical departure from orthodox armament practice. Because of greater recoil and heavier mountings, wing cannon have not been used until now."

The Lansing Michigan Oldsmobile Works division of General Motors Corporation is starting production on a \$3,000,000 order of these Hispano-Suiza rapid-fire cannon. The firing rate is 575 shells per minute. According to the newspaper, a device perfected by the Fairchild Aviation Corporation. "It is a fire-control apparatus providing automatic range calculation and control of a large number of movable guns and will be applicable to machine-guns as well as cannon," the journal says.

MR HULL HEARS VICHY'S VIEWS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (UP).—Mr. Henry Hays, the French Ambassador conferred with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State to-day and discussed pending Franco-American plans.

The Ambassador later said that he had presented the Vichy view on various questions and he expected to have further conversations.

Time Bomb Explodes In Shanghai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Sept. 16 (UP).—Two days prior to the tenth anniversary of the Mukden incident, a time bomb exploded to-day in the operating room of the Japanese owned Central China Telecommunications which took over the Chungking Government's radio station in the Cathay Hotel, damaging equipment and halting the flow of radiograms to the whole world for an hour. There were no casualties.

One Chinese Injured
SHANGHAI, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A time bomb exploded late last night just outside the offices of the Japanese-controlled "International" radio office situated on the first floor of the Cathay Hotel.

Despite a terrific explosion, which blasted several doors on the same floor and smashed numerous windows, only one Chinese was slightly injured by falling glass.

The explosion is reported to have caused considerable damage to the radio company's transmitting sets and slight damage to a British-owned radio station which is on the same floor.

Exchange At A Glance

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Demand London	2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	400
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2 n.
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	40 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140
T.T. Saigon	100
T.T. France	107
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	84 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
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De Gaulle Returns To London

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, has returned to London after a five months' absence.

During his absence, he visited Syria following the Armistice with the Vichy authorities there, and on his way back, passed through Cairo and Brazzaville, centre of Free French Equatorial Africa.

Gorilla For Roosevelt
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt accepted "in the spirit in which it was offered" the gift of an enormous gorilla from the Free French authorities in French Equatorial Africa as a symbol of the ferocity of their fight against Naziism.

General de Lamoignon, offering the gorilla which is en route to the United States, wrote "we are not the largest but we hope we are the most ferocious group of fighting men engaged in the struggle taking place to-day."

The gorilla is described as the largest and "we believe the most ferocious gorilla" ever sent from Africa.

GERMANS SHOOT HOSTAGES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICIY, Sept. 16 (UP).—Ten hostages who were shot by the Germans included five Communists and five Jews all of whom were arrested by the German police during the recent anti-German street disorders, chiefly at St Denis Gate three weeks ago, when 150 persons were arrested.

This forenoon, while the Germans were shooting the ten hostages in Paris, unknown persons shot at two more German non-Commissioned officers, one of whom was wounded and the other uninjured.

Gallant Czechs' Undercover War

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Eleven mysterious accidents occurred in Czechoslovakia during the latter part of July, according to news reaching authoritative Czech circles here.

An ammunition train from the famous Skoda armaments works has also blown up.

Over 250 officers and men of the German Army were killed in one accident.

Mass destruction of crops at night time in Slovakia has led to the imposition of curfew covering all grainfields.

Hamburg Deluged With Bombs
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—It was announced to-day that a great load of high explosive bombs was dropped on the Hamburg docks and several industrial districts last night which caused "a sea of great size."

200 Planes Over Germany
LONDON, Sept. 16 (British Wireless).—Over 200 aircraft of the Bomber Command were engaged in last night's operations over Germany and occupied territory.

His Excellency Sir Mark Young, K.C.M.G., has shown his interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign being waged in Hongkong by honouring the Association with his patronage.

Upstarts' Sentence On Queen

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has had all her property seized by the German occupation authorities in Holland.

The order of seizure applies also to all property belonging to living members of the House of Orange-Nassau, states a Hague dispatch to the German news agency.

Confiscation is based on a decree dealing with persons who foster anti-German sentiments.

In one announcement issued by the Reich Commissioner, it is stated that "former Queen Wilhelmina has excluded herself from the unity of new Europe by her persistence in adhering to the Bolshevik-Capitalist front."

Nazi-Finnish Claims

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Wormsö Island, situated between Dagoe and Oesel in the Baltic Sea off the Estonian coast, has been captured by the Germans, according to Berlin reports quoted by Swedish correspondents in the German capital.

The Finns claim to have broken the Russian resistance in the province of Olonetz although admitting that numerous pockets of Russian troops are still holding out, the Swedish correspondents say, adding that the Finns state that they are advancing on both sides of the marshy tract while the Russians are feverishly improving their defences at Petroskoj.

Further German reports quoted by Swedish correspondents say that Finnish batteries are now bombarding Leningrad, whose outer defences have been penetrated at many points and that a ring of 15 or 20 kilometres from the centre is almost complete around the city.

These correspondents say that the Germans claim that the thrust in the south over Keretop and Kremenchuk is designed to cut off Kiev and to encircle an area as large as Saxony.

Pres. Roosevelt To Be Host

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (UP).—President Roosevelt will be host at an informal luncheon to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor on September 25 when the latter pass through Washington en route to their ranch in Canada. Mr. Stephen Early, the President's Secretary said that the meeting would be on the basis of the President's long acquaintance with the Duke of Windsor.

Acknowledgments

Yesterday's typhoon caused a temporary cessation in the flow of contributions to the Bomber Fund. The day was not entirely blank, however, one venture-some spirit braving the elements to pay \$3 for a Victory badge. The total of the Fund is now \$2,522,547.52.

Gifts For Orphans
The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges receipt of a gift of 50 pairs of socks and 50 face towels, from the Hongkong Associated South China War Refugee Relief Committee, for the orphan children in King's Park Camp.

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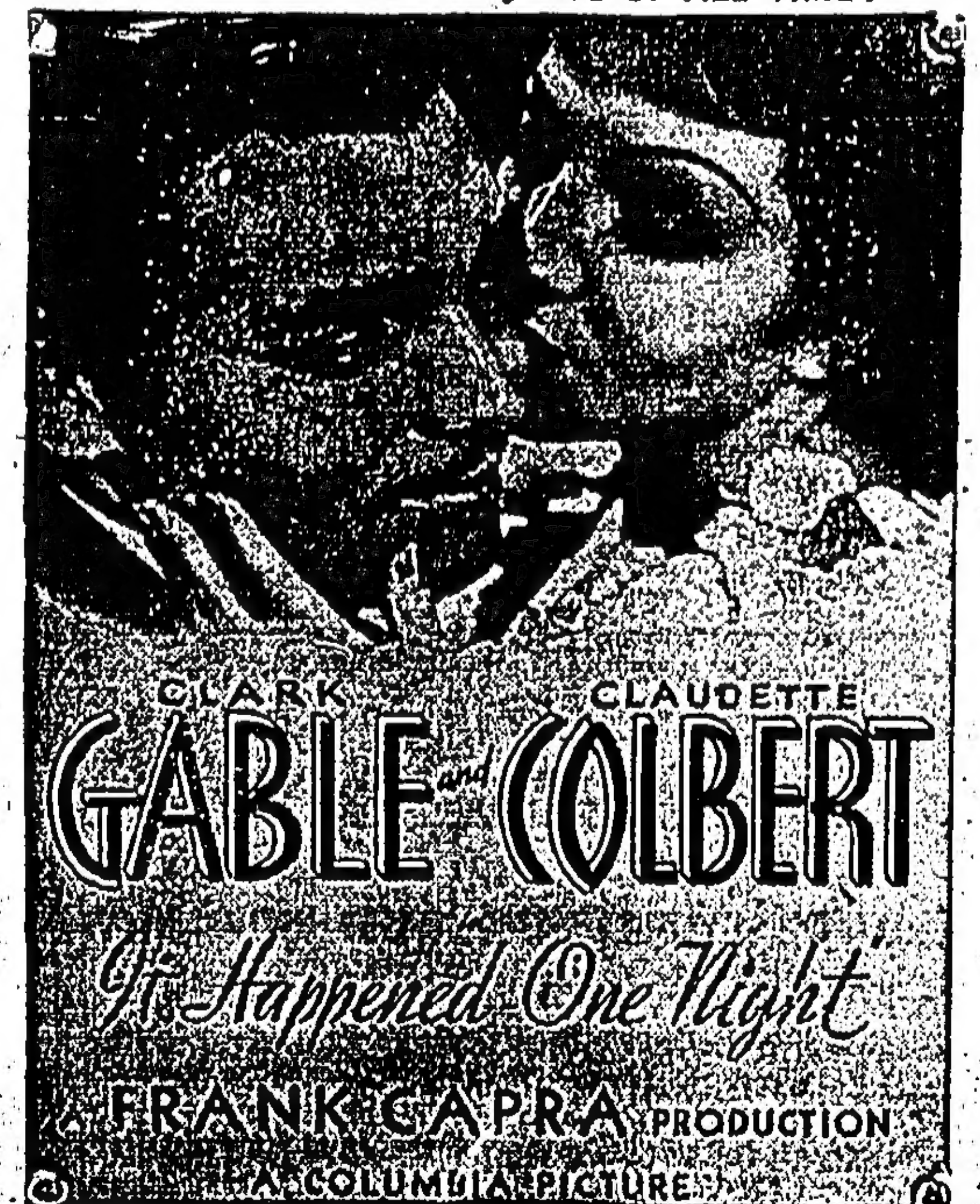
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Doubt On Succession Of Shah's Son

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Allies did not themselves take a stronger line against the intrigues with the Germans from the beginning, but British policy has been rather to strengthen the people in realisation of their aims of self-expression.

In the circumstances, therefore, it will be surprising if the Iranians accept the action of the Shah in nominating the Crown Prince as his successor, as the two are tarred with the same brush.

The Iranian Government have so far shown a helpful appreciation of the realities of the situation.

Advance On Teheran
LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—British and Russian forces in equal numbers are now moving towards Teheran, states authoritative quarters in London.

The purpose of this action is stated to be not directly related to the abdication of the Shah but is concerned with the definite intention of the Allies to clear up the situation regarding the Germans who are to be deported from Iran and to put an end to Axis tactics which the Iranian Government, in spite of their good intentions, have not been able alone to counter effectively.

London Reaction
LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—Reports of the abdication of the Shah of Iran were greeted with great satisfaction here to-night, by authoritative circles. The Foreign Office has not yet received confirmation of the news but the reports are believed to be true.

Some doubts were expressed in London as to whether the Crown Prince would be able to ascend the throne or if he does would he be able to remain. The idea of a Regency or Regency Council with Premier Ali Forughi wielding a great influence is still being discussed here. Radio Teheran said that the Shah abdicated "owing to ill health," adding that the Shah's abdication was presented to the extraordinary sitting of Parliament at 11 a.m. The new King will attend Parliament and start carrying out his duties according to the laws of the constitutional Government.

Relations To Be Broken
CAIRO, Sept. 16 (UP).—It is reliably reported that diplomatic relations between Iran and Germany will be broken off. It is understood that the United States has agreed to present the Egyptian interests in Germany. Hitherto, Iran has represented Egypt.

Ex-Shah Takes The Road
TEHERAN, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The Shah has left the capital. He is going to Sifahan by the road along which British troops are advancing towards Teheran.

Despot Fails
TEHERAN, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—During an extraordinary meeting of Parliament to-day, the ex-Shah was declared to be solely responsible for the Government's policy during the last 20 years because he was an absolute ruler, according to a radio announcement.

A declaration was also made regarding the new government. This, it was stated, will be based on constitutional procedure.

The new Shah will be sworn in on Wednesday afternoon.

Advancing On Teheran
LONDON, Sept. 16 (UP).—Official quarters to-day confirmed reports that Anglo-Russian troops are advancing on Teheran and are expected to occupy the capital.

The same quarters said that the reason for the Anglo-Russian advance was because of the obstructions offered by the German Legation in surrendering German nationals to the Allies.

Will Not Enter City
TEHERAN, Sept. 16 (UP).—Arrangements have been completed to billet the Russian and British troops in barracks outside of the city where they will remain unless the situation warrants their entry.

The Shah stepped down from the throne in one of the quietest, unheralded and undemonstrative acts in the history of the country.

Germans Leaving
BERLIN, Sept. 16 (UP).—Authorized German circles to-day said that the staff of the German Legation with their women and children and other Germans who are permitted to leave Iran, are departing from Teheran to-morrow. As far as is known, those to be interned number around 300.

Chinese Rob Taxi Is Driver's Charge
A taxi driver was robbed when he drove three Chinese and an amah to Shamshulpo yesterday.

According to a report made by the victim, about 10.40 p.m. three Chinese and an amah hired the taxi in Jordan Road to Shamshulpo. On reaching Apulu Street, he was held up by the Chinese and gagged.

The robbers took away \$5.50, cigarettes and the driver's licence.

French Build New Hydroplane
VATICAN CITY, Sept. 16 (UP).—The "Osservatore Romano" Vichy correspondent reports that French aeroplane industry has built a new six-motored hydroplane, the "Potez 540," which will make test flights in the near future. It is added that this is the first new type of plane built in France since the armistice.

New Ships Ordered For U.S. Navy
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day announced that it had awarded contracts for 2,831 ships—every vessel being authorized by law under the \$7,354,000,000 programme envisaging the "creation of the greatest array of fighting ships under one flag the world has ever seen."

Australian Costs Of Living Soar

Due To Labour Lack On All Farms

Brisbane, Queensland.—The steady rise of living costs in Australia, despite all effort at stabilisation by the official price-fixers, is giving the Government serious concern.

The difficulty is rendered the more acute through the prospects of labour shortage, which is already tending to send prices up. This shortage has been hastened by the intensified recruiting which has been in progress in Australia ever since the British reverses in Greece and North Africa—a fact that offers the best reply to those who talked of discouragement in the Dominions.

The shortage is affecting in particular farmer and pastoralists who, because of the large percentage of enlistments among field workers, are finding it extremely difficult to carry on normal operations.

There is also a shortage of labour in secondary industries, including those engaged in munition-making. To offset this shortage the Australian Government has introduced compulsory exemption of certain age groups, forward with a nationwide plan for the training of youths as mechanics and mechanics for war industries as well as for the Army and Air Force.

Women In Industry
The introduction of women into industry and as farm workers is being asked to replace enlisted men with women and girls, particularly in the clerical professions.

Queensland, being Australia's biggest primary producing State, is bearing the brunt of the labour shortage. In farming districts the dearth of manpower has become so acute that some farmers have had to ask available harvesters to work up to 65 hours a week, compared with the normal 44 or 48 hours. This added labour cost, together with the drop in primary exports caused by lack of shipping, is partly to blame, according to Government officials, for the steady rise in living costs.

U.S. Awakens To Nazi Menace

Interesting Film

A press preview of the first full-length March of Time film, "The Ramparts We Watch," was given at the King's Theatre this morning. Based on the book of the same name by Major George Fielding Elliot, famous military commentator, the picture deals with America's attitude to the war of 1914-18, and compares the various factors that made her citizens of a generation ago realise the danger to their cherished traditions and ideals and the conditions as presented at the present time by the Nazi menace.

Interesting scenes from Great War newsreels are introduced to tell the story, whilst sequences from the Nazi film, "Baptism of Fire" reveal Hitler's propaganda strategy of terrorising neutral populations to lower their morale and resistance.

History, the picture shows, is being repeated, and the growing American awareness is being fast crystallised into a single determination, as in the last war—to aid Britain to the utmost extent to ensure victory for the democracies.

LATE NEWS

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course of construction and contracted for revealed "astounding progress" in the accelerated building of a two-ocean navy.

A total of 2,831 combat and auxiliary ships has been ordered since January 1, 1940, at the cost of \$7,354,262,178.

Cutting Red Tape

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—A new step to speed Lend-Lease operations by cutting red tape was announced by President Roosevelt at a press conference to-day, but he declined to say whether the navy would engage in actual conveying to get war supplies overseas.

The President said that he had named Mr. Edward Steining, Jr., as special assistant empowered to affix the presidential signature to Lend-Lease documents, thus eliminating 24 hours' delay within the White House.

There had already been a reduction in the period between application and final clearance, he added.

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The officers lost included the noted gunnery expert, Vice-Admiral Lancelot Ernest Holland, aged 53, who had been described as one of the most outstanding officers of his generation, and Captain Ralph Kerr, who commanded the Hood.

Three survivors were picked up, including a midshipman aged 17, who was making his first voyage.

Gallantry Rewarded

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—"Finis" was written to-day to the epic story of the sinking of the "unsinkable" Bismarck, which was the swift revenge the British exacted from the German Navy for the sinking of the Hood, with the announcement of awards to officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm who crippled the Nazi battleship, enabling the Royal Navy to send the German ship to the bottom.

The awards include three Distinguished Service Orders, medals and three mentions. Shared by aircraft of the Ark Royal and the Victorious and by H.M.S. Sparrowhawk and one naval air station, the honours are made for "gallantry, daring and skill in operations in which the German battleship—Bismarck was destroyed."

U.S. Navy Escorting Cargoes

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course of construction and contracted for revealed "astounding progress" in the accelerated building of a two-ocean navy.

A total of 2,831 combat and auxiliary ships has been ordered since January 1, 1940, at the cost of \$7,354,262,178.

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stood that they are not likely to cause a collapse of negotiations, or jeopardise hopes of a successful outcome.

Eleventh Hour Hitch

"The difficulties are alleged to have resulted from points raised by Washington at the eleventh hour. Before these difficulties arose, the two governments are said to have reached an agreement on certain basic principles covering future Japanese-American relations and relating chiefly to an assurance of peace in the Pacific and the gradual easing of economic restrictions against Japan."

Port Shelter (Hebe Haven) Scheme

It was unanimously decided to authorize the Chairman to draw up a scheme for village settlement in the Port Shelter (Hebe Haven) area on the basis of a settlers' co-operative with a representative of Mr. Rowi Alloy of the Chinese Industrial Co-operative as organizer assisted by a Chinese agricultural expert as adviser on the agricultural aspect.

The Chairman circulated to members a brochure from Mr. C. N. Li describing a farmers' co-operative established in Southern Kwangsi along the line which had been proposed in the Lantau and Port Shelter Settlement Scheme.

BOMBAY, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The total number of prisoners of war in India has now been announced as about 7,500 officers and 32,000 men.

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